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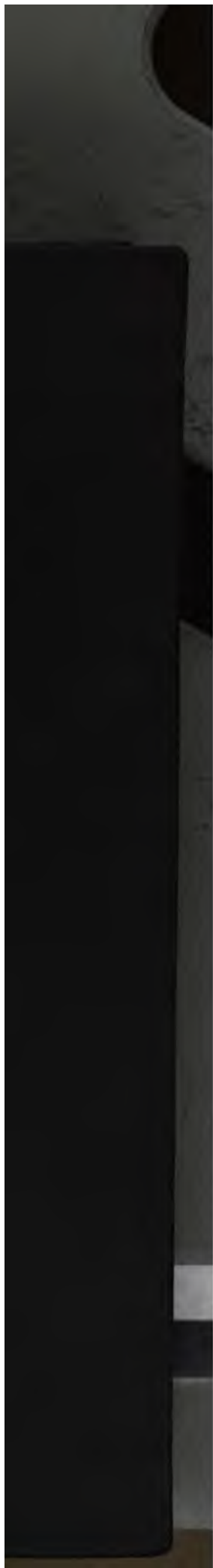
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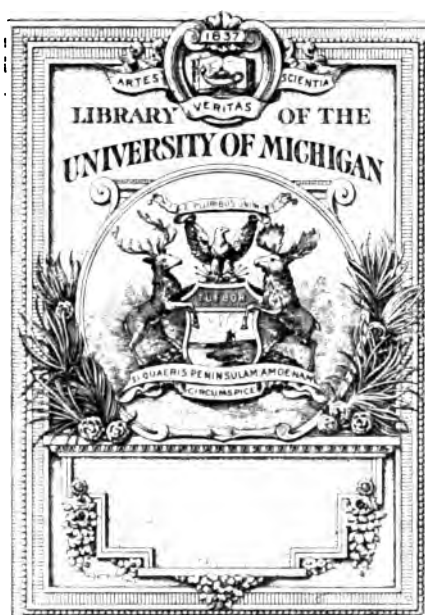
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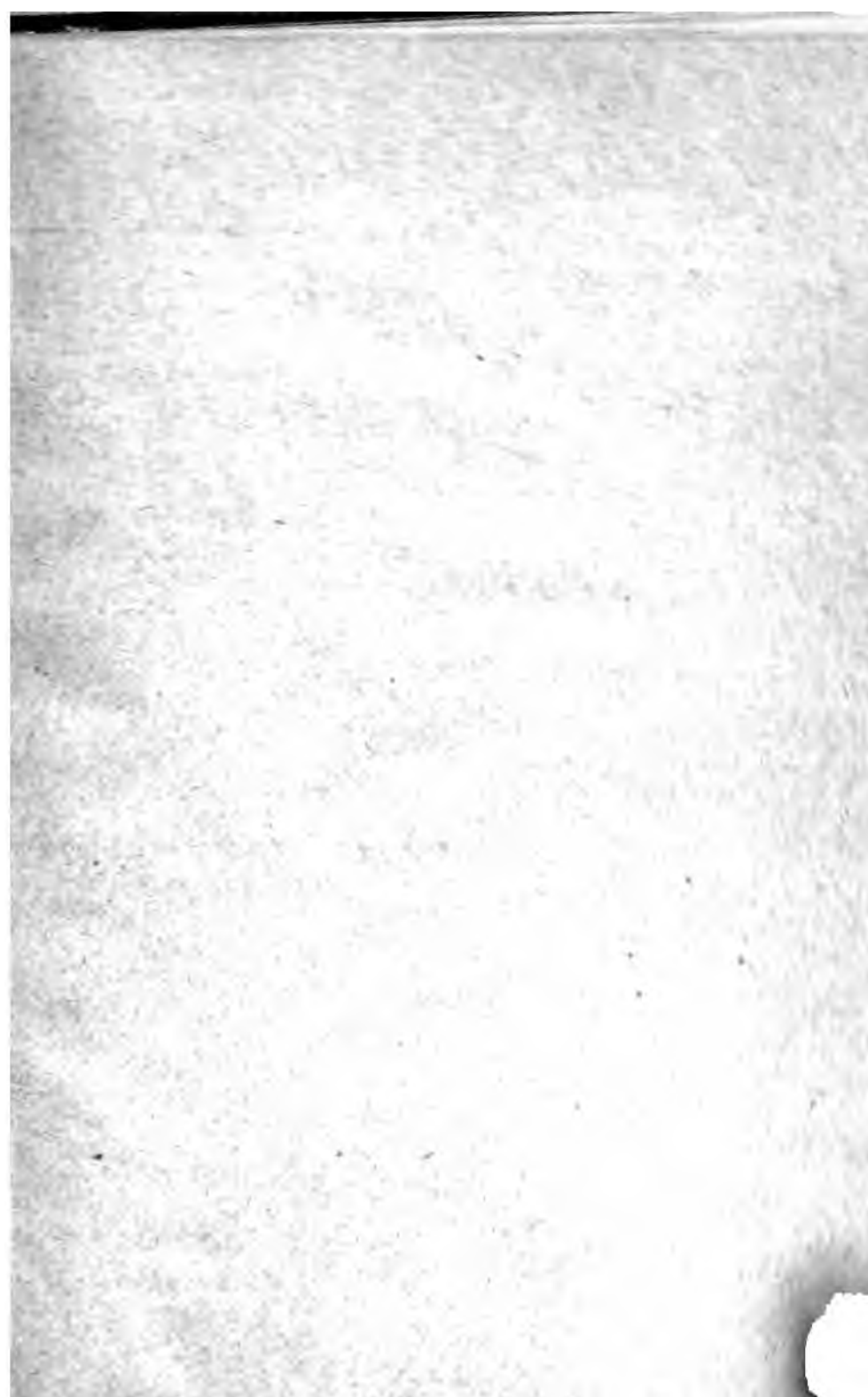
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OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY,
JUNE, 1883.



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PUBLIC LIBRARY ROOMS, 40 DEARBORN STREET.
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 1882-1883.

HARRY RUBENS, <i>President.</i>	Term Expires	1885
BERNARD CALLAGHAN.	" "	1883
JOHN W. ENRIGHT.	" "	1885
WILLIAM J. HYNES.	" "	1884
LAWRENCE W. KADLEC.	" "	1883
THOMAS C. MAC MILLAN.	" "	1884
ADOLPH MOSES.	" "	1885
J. B. WALKER.	" "	1883
WILLIAM H. WELLS.	" "	1884

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1882-1883.

Library and Reading Room: Messrs. CALLAGHAN, MOSES and MACMILLAN.

Administration: Messrs. WALKER, WELLS and KADLEC.

Buildings and Grounds: Messrs. KADLEC, ENRIGHT and MOSES.

Finance: Messrs. HYNES, WALKER and WELLS.

By-Laws and Regulations: Messrs. ENRIGHT, HYNES and CALLAGHAN.

Future Library Building: Messrs. MOSES, CALLAGHAN, KADLEC, MACMILLAN and HYNES.

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LIBRARY SERVICE.

Librarian : WILLIAM F. POOLE.

Assistant Librarians :

W. B. WICKERSHAM.

Mrs. L. E. VOELLMY.

FRED. H. HILD.

Library Assistants :

M. F. H. MOE,

ANNA FITZGERALD,

JOS. W. ERRANT,

LIZZIE BARROW,

C. WACHTMEISTER,

EMILY S. ROOKS,

ELIZABETH A. YOUNG,

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MAGGIE RYAN,

LOU AMES,

OTILIE GOLDBERGER,

ELIZA KEON,

JOHN R. PATTERSON,

LILYAN MORAWSKI,

JOHN F. WHELAN,

MAGGIE KEARNEY,

WM. F. GIESE,

Mrs. THEO. SCHMIDT,

CHARLES LHOTKA,

JAMES KELLY.

Evening Attendants : WM. A. PURER, CHARLES W. EVANS, ED.

L. DVORAK, THOS. F. CORBETT, J. P. FITZPATRICK.

Janitor : N. S. PURVIANCE.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

Gentlemen.—In obedience to the provisions of the law relating to the establishment of free Public Libraries, the undersigned, Directors of the Public Library of the City of Chicago, beg leave to submit this, their eleventh annual report.

For a statement in detail of the condition of our trust, on the first day of June, 1883, we beg leave to refer to the reports of the Librarian and Secretary, herewith submitted. From these reports it will appear that the total sum received from the Library Fund since the last annual report, was \$47,635.33, which sum has been expended as follows:

Salaries.....	\$22,486.58
Books.....	10,814.52
Binding and Repairing Books	2,841.05
Rent.....	3,083.33
Newspapers and Periodicals.....	2,158.28
Lighting	1,269.99
Insurance.....	1,175.00
Printing and Stationery.....	722.37
Binding British Patents.....	143.16
Heating.....	524.22
Furniture and Fixtures	722.64
Freight.....	211.59
Postage.....	176.10
Expenses (incidental)	703.00
Finding Lists	603.50
Total..	\$47,635.33

The total number of books in the Library on the first day of June, 1883, was ninety-four thousand six hundred and six, being an increase of nine thousand four hundred and sixteen volumes in one year. Of these new accessions eight thousand and sixty-five books have been acquired by purchase and thirteen hundred and fifty-one by gift. Fourteen hundred and forty-two new pamphlets have also been added to the collection, of which one hundred and sixty-one were purchased and the balance donated.

An inspection of the report of the Librarian will show the different classes, and the scope and character of these books and pamphlets.

The evidence of a growing appreciation of the advantages of our Public Library may be found by comparing the number of books taken out, the number consulted, and the number of visitors during the past year, with the books taken out, books consulted, and number of visitors during the previous year. Thus, the total number of books taken out during the past year for home use, amounted to three hundred and seventy-six thousand four hundred and seventy-five, being an increase of seven and one half per cent. over the preceding year. The visitors to the reference tables numbered forty-two thousand seven hundred and thirty-four, an increase of forty-three per cent., and the number of books consulted by them amounted to one hundred and thirty-four thousand four hundred and eight, an increase of twenty-four per cent. over the preceding year.

The following classification will show the percentages for the past year in the seven classes of books loaned out: History and biography, eight and seventy-two hundredths; voyages and travels, four and seventeen hundredths; poetry and drama, three and eighty five hundredths; science and art, six and ninety-two hundredths; English prose fiction and juveniles, sixty and thirty-six hundredths; works in continental languages, eleven and eighty-one hundredths; miscellaneous, four and seventeen one hundredths.

No department of the Library has been increasing in popularity so much as its reading room. Here the principal periodical publications of the world can be freely consulted, and here books are distributed for use in the rooms. During the past year five hundred and forty-three thousand four hundred and fifty-six persons have visited the reading room, being an increase of forty-eight per cent. over the preceding year; and the number of periodicals issued, has been two hundred and sixty-four thousand six hundred and forty-nine, being an increase of thirty-three per cent. The number of books issued to the visitors of the reading room was forty-seven thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, an increase of forty-five per cent.; and the average number per day of Sunday visitors was fifteen hundred and eighty-seven, being an increase of thirty-three per cent.

In the fifth annual report of the Board of Directors, the then President, Daniel L. Shorey, Esq., said:

"With us the common school and the public library are parts of one great system, arising out of the same necessities, supported on the same grounds of public policy, and having one purpose. They are to be carried on effectively, in harmony with each other, to the end that the common standard of intelligence shall be raised as high as possible, so that all the children of the people may have at the start, if they will, firmer power to meet the aggressions of capital, and equal opportunity in the competition with their fellows, and that every child shall be protected against the irreparable wrong which is inflicted upon him, if he is permitted to grow up in ignorance."

This idea of a harmonious co-operation and union of the schools and the library was, for the first time, practically realized during the last year, and mainly through the efforts of our Librarian, who weekly invited the pupils of the high schools to visit the library in classes under the guidance of their teachers. These classes have been instructed how to make the investigation of subjects for themselves, and in the best use of the advantages of the library.

The practical value of a library depends not merely on the number and kind of books upon its shelves ; it depends much more upon the extent of the use of the books by the public. The once vast Library of Alexandria, if now in existence and translated into all living languages, would be, in case the public were excluded from its halls, of but little more general utility than would be its ashes if collected and preserved in an urn as a venerable relic. To render great libraries a public blessing they must be made accessible to the masses, and the people, especially the young, incited to a love for books, and instructed how to use them. The mere collection of books, therefore, is only a part of the work of the educator. To foster and encourage a love for books, to teach the best methods of using them, to demonstrate the power and advantages to be derived from an intimate familiarity with a great library, is the other and more important part. It was with this view that the Board sought to familiarize the pupils of our schools with the institution placed in our charge. The report of the Librarian will more fully show the advantages which have been derived from the method adopted, and the large increase in the number of visitors to the reference department is largely attributable thereto. The thanks of the general public are due to the Board of Education for the hearty support and encouragement they have given us in the direction of forming a more perfect union of interests between the Public Schools and the Public Library.

The history of our institution is one of rapid progress. Like the city to whose inhabitants it gratuitously supplies its treasures of knowledge, it has been a marvel of growth and development. When, just ten years ago last January, the reading room threw its doors open to the public, the volumes, all of which had been donated, amounted to about six thousand, and the number of serials to a little over three hundred. To-day our Library is second to but two similar public institutions in the country. It already contains nearly one hundred thousand volumes, and it bids fair in the same num-

ber of years to equal in magnitude the very first. Originated by the generous sympathies of the world for the fire-stricken metropolis of the West, it has been the recipient of substantial support on the part of the people, and is to-day firmly established as an important branch of our system of popular education. Compared with the first attempt at a general collection of books for public use in ancient times,—with, for instance, the collection of Pisistratus at Athens, it is as superior and as much more comprehensive as are the scientific developments of to-day when compared with the rudiments of knowledge of that early period.

But in comparison with the two and one half million of volumes contained in the Bibliothèque Nationale at Paris or the one and one half million of volumes of the British Museum, it may seem insignificant. It is, however, a splendid nucleus for the formation of a truly great Library. In order to be able to place it upon a proper foundation for future greatness, it is imperatively necessary that it should be provided with a suitable fire-proof building, sufficiently commodious for its present and future wants, with proper accommodation for the patrons of its reading room, as well as for those of its still more important reference department. Our citizens should feel sufficient pride in their Public Library and faith in its future to urge upon Congress to change the conditions of the dedication of Dearborn Park to the City from its use as a public park to that of the Public Library, as the location is the only available and appropriate site in Chicago for that purpose; and the land, worthless as a park, could not be used for a grander or more noble object.

Our people ought to understand that first of all it is necessary to have a suitable site for a Public Library Building. That point gained, it will be found that the greatest obstacle to the development of a Public Library of incalculable value and commensurate with the greatness and importance of the future Chicago, will have been overcome. There is enough of wealth, enterprise, public spirit and local pride in

and about our great city to commence the erection of a noble Library edifice, whenever a suitable site shall have been secured. We believe that on the presentation of this subject to Congress by the four able representatives from this city, Dearborn Park may be obtained as the permanent site for a Library. The success of the bill in Congress for dedicating this public property to the perpetual use of the Public Library will much depend upon keeping the interests of the Library free from entanglement with those of other institutions not municipal in their character, and hence of less public importance.

Respectfully,

HARRY RUBENS, *President.*
BERNARD CALLAGHAN,
JOHN W. ENRIGHT,
WILLIAM J. HYNES,
LAWRENCE W. KADLEC,
THOMAS C. MAC MILLAN,
ADOLPH MOSES,
J. B. WALKER,
WILLIAM H. WELLS,

} *Directors.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, }
CHICAGO, June 6, 1883. }

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Gentlemen:—As required by the seventh section of the Act of the General Assembly, under which the Library is established, I herewith submit the following financial and statistical statements for the year ending May 31, 1883:

ACCOUNT WITH CONTROLLER.

RECEIPTS.

From City Controller on Vouchers
issued by Library Board.....\$47,635.33

EXPENDITURES.

For Salaries.....	\$22,486.58
Books.....	10,814.52
Binding and Repairing Books.....	2,841.05
Rent.....	3,083.33
Newspapers and Periodicals.....	2,158.28
Lighting.....	1,269.99
Insurance.....	1,175.00
Printing and Stationery.....	722.37
Binding Brit. Pats.....	143.16
Heating	524.22
Furniture and Fixtures.....	722.64
Freight.....	211.59

Postage	176.10
Incidental Expenses.....	703.00
Finding Lists.....	603.50
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	\$47,635.33 \$47,635.33

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand June 1, 1882.....	\$ 991.42
From Fines	2,220.26
Sale of Finding Lists.....	492.40
Security Deposits.	1,342.25
Books Lost.....	289.80
Sale of Old Paper.....	21.10
Sale of Duplicates.....	82.01
City Controller.....	887.79
Rebate on Freight.....	9.40

EXPENDITURES.

For Security Deposits Refunded.....	\$1,186.50
Books lost and replaced.....	163.93
Paid City Controller.....	2,835.97
Newspapers and Periodicals.....	41.54
Printing and Stationery.....	48.50
Freight.....	211.59
Postage	176.10
Incidental Expenses.....	420.80
Heating.....	52.34
Binding Books.	7.00
Balance on hand June 1, 1883.....	1,192.16
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	\$6,336.43 \$6,336.43

Number of Books in the Library, 94,606.

"	"	"	purchased, 8,065.
"	"	"	donated, 1,351.
"	"	"	unaccounted for, 383.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
 County of Cook, } ss.

I, W. B. WICKERSHAM, Secretary of the Chicago Public Library Board, do solemnly affirm that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Sec'y Public Library Board.

Affirmed to and subscribed before me, this 6th day of June,
 A. D. 1883.

GEO. W. MCKEE,
Notary Public.

[SEAL.]

THE LIBRARY FUND.

To the credit of this fund, June 1, 1883:

Fund of 1877.....	\$ 2,799.75
“ “ 1878.....	7,896.94
“ “ 1879.....	12,837.75
“ “ 1882.....	25,410.85
	<hr/> \$48,945.29

Fund of 1883:

Appropriation, March 26, 1883.....	\$59,000.00
Misc. Receipts Jan. 1 to May 31,	
1883	1,322.83

\$60,322.83

Expended Jan. 1 to May 31, 1883.....	21,271.80
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\$39,051.03

Total to the credit of the Library Fund, June 1,

1883.....	\$87,996.32
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

CHICAGO, June 9, 1883.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY :

Gentlemen :—I have the honor to submit my tenth annual report on the condition and statistics of the Library for the year ending May 31, 1883.

The use of the Library during the past year has largely increased, and there has been a marked development of a higher and more serious use of books for the purposes of study and improvement. The best and more scholarly works have come more into requisition, and the Library is becoming a larger factor in the public educational system which is so liberally furnished by the city to all its residents. There has been an increase of seven and one half per cent. in the number of books drawn for home use ; forty-three per cent. in the number of visitors to the reference tables, and forty-eight per cent. in the visitors to the reading room. The number of recorded visitors to the Library and reading room was 1,054,339, or a daily average of 3,433. As many persons do no business which becomes a matter of record, the number of daily visitors was doubtless more than 4,000. The increasing public interest in the more scholarly books of the Library, and the large accession of readers to the reference tables, are to be attributed partly to the Saturday morning classes which have been conducted at the Library for the past four months, and attended by the pupils of the three High Schools and their teachers. The pupils have been instructed by the Librarian in the resources of the Library, the use of books, the habits of study, the methods of making independent in-

vestigation of topics for themselves, and they have been addressed on the special subject of the day by their teacher, with the books relating to it before them. These exercises will be more fully described in a later part of this report.

The cramped, inaccessible and combustible quarters now occupied by the Library, have become a more serious question for consideration than ever before. If the Library is not to stop growing, more spacious accommodations must soon be procured. The space that can be used for shelving is all occupied, and how to shelve the new books and not break up the classification of the Library, is a constant problem. The number of volumes is nearly 100,000, and in a few months will exceed that number. There is no other Library in the land of half its size which has such unfit accommodations, or is as difficult of access. Visitors from other cities are amazed that such a Library is kept in such quarters. They are told that the present location is a matter of necessity and not of choice; that every member of the Library Board is firmly resolved to erect a new and suitable building for its use as soon as possible, and that in this resolve the Board has the cordial sympathy and support of the City government and the public at large.

A compendious statement of the statistics of the Library for the past year and for each year since it was opened, will be found in Appendix A.

BOOKS.

The present number of volumes in the Library is 94,606. The number reported last year was 87 272. The number entered in the accession catalogue was 9,416, of which 8,065 were bought and 1,351 given. The number of volumes worn out and condemned was 2,082, of which 1,064 were English prose fiction, 653 juvenile books, 19 history, 12 biography, 18 travels, 32 practical arts, 5 political economy, 29 poetry and drama, 189 German literature, 14 French literature, 40 Scandinavian literature, and 6 of other classes.

Of the volumes worn out 1,018 have not yet been replaced. Of pamphlets 161 have been bought and 1,281 given, a total accession of 1,442 pamphlets. The amount expended for books was \$10,814.52.

Among the donations to the Library from foreign sources, the following are worthy of special mention: The Commissioners of Patents of Great Britain have presented 105 volumes of their publications continuing the series to June, 1881. The Viceroy and Governor General of India has given volumes 7 and 8 of the Trigonometrical Survey of India, the earlier volumes of this valuable work having been sent previously. The Christiana Royal University has sent five volumes of its scientific publications; the Royal Institute of Florence, Italy, twelve volumes of its publications, and the Province of Ontario seven volumes of its public documents. Prof. C. Piazzzi Smyth, of Edinburgh, has sent his spectroscopic views taken in Maderia, and Comte de Pajol, of Paris, his *Memoires Militaires* in four volumes. Of American donations, the State Department at Washington and William J. Herrick, Esq., of this city, have made very generous contributions toward completing the early portion of our set of United States public documents, the former having given 409 volumes, and the latter 91 volumes. Dr. Francis H. Brown, of Boston, has given 130 volumes and 741 pamphlets, and the city of Boston the current volumes of its city documents—of which the Library has nearly a complete set running back for fifty years—and a folio volume on the "Water Supply of Boston." The Nebraska State Library has given 41 volumes of the Nebraska State documents, and the Michigan State Library twenty-eight volumes, and eight pamphlets of the Michigan State documents. Messrs. Griffin and Dwight, of this city, have made the valuable donation of forty-two bound and consecutive volumes of the *Chicago Tribune* and *Chicago Times*. Senator John A. Logan and Representatives George R. Davis and William Aldrich have made frequent and numerous donations of public documents, and have, when requested, kindly intervened with the depart-

ments to furnish the Library with documents which are not freely distributed. A general law is needed by which the larger libraries of the country may be promptly furnished with every publication of the Government and of all the departments without a special intervention of members of Congress.

A full list of the donors is given in Appendix B.

The list following gives the number of volumes in twenty-nine classes, and the number added to each during the year :

	Total No. Vols in the Library	Accessions of the year.
History.....	6,367	487
Biography	3,975	429
Travels	3,648	389
Poetry and drama	2,273	166
Essays and miscellanies	1,884	99
Polygraphy and collected works.....	2,041	32
Fine arts.....	1,029	128
Natural science.....	2,788	136
Practical arts, including patents.....	5,666	299
Political economy, social science, etc...	2,006	168
Language and literature.....	1,381	120
Mental and moral science.....	1,186	111
Ancient classics.....	539	16
Religion	2,885	158
Medicine.....	1,176	49
Law	477	34
Periodicals	9,256	1,009
Gov't. documents, State papers, etc.....	5,508	753
Bibliography.....	718	71
Dictionaries and encyclopedias.....	1,337	67
English prose fiction....	14,806	1,547
Juvenile literature.....	3,548	1,340
German literature.....	10,059	640
French literature.....	3,631	200
Italian literature	170	1
Spanish literature	29	
Dutch literature.....	1,066	351
Bohemian literature.....	2,355	11
Scandinavian literature.....	2,752	605
	94,606	9,416

BOOK-BORROWERS.

The present number of registered book-borrowers is 21,415, the largest number which was ever reported. All borrowers' cards are canceled by limitation at the end of two years, when a renewal of registration is required. Of the new registrations and renewals during the year, 7,138 were by males, and 4,036 by females, making a total registration of 11,174, an increase over the previous year of nine per cent.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The circulating department has been open for the delivery of books 307 days during the year, and 376,475 volumes have been taken out for home use. The daily average was 1259 volumes, which is an increase of 7.5 per cent. over the circulation of the preceding year, when it was 349,977. The largest number of books issued on one day was 2,654, on April 7; and the smallest number issued on one day was 637 on December 7. March, as usual, is the month during which the most books are read, and February the next in order. June and September are the months during which the fewest books are read. The average evening circulation was 188 volumes and the preceding year 185, which shows that stopping the circulation of books at 8:30 P. M., it formerly being at 9 P. M., has not lessened the number issued. The amount received for fines was \$2,220.26.

The following table shows the circulation and daily averages month by month:

1882-83.				1881-82.			
Month.	Days	Circula'n	Daily average	Month.	Days	Circula'n	Daily average
June	26	26,946	1,036	June	26	26,387	1,015
July	25	28,531	1,141	July	25	26,967	1,079
August	27	30,213	1,119	August	27	28,674	1,062
Sept.	26	27,517	1,060	Sept.	25	23,906	956
Oct.	26	27,766	1,068	Oct.	26	27,756	1,068
Nov.	25	29,041	1,162	Nov.	25	29,008	1,160
Dec.	25	31,366	1,255	Dec.	26	30,876	1,188
Jan.	25	34,796	1,333	Jan.	25	29,245	1,169
Feb.	23	34,836	1,515	Feb.	23	30,352	1,320
March	27	40,059	1,484	March	27	35,473	1,314
April	25	32,803	1,312	April	25	31,114	1,245
May	26	32,591	1,254	May	26	30,219	1,162
Total.	307	376,475	1,259	Total.	306	349,977	1,144

CLASSIFICATION OF THE CIRCULATION.

The following table shows the percentage for the past year and the five previous years in the seven classes of books of which a record has been kept since the Library opened :

	1883	1882	1881	1880	1879	1878
History and Biography.....	8.72	8.56	8.45	8.85	8.59	8.85
Voyages and Travels.....	4.17	3.98	3.51	4.13	4.69	5.35
Poetry and Drama.....	3.85	3.73	3.51	2.95	2.95	2.12
Science and Art.....	6.92	6.75	6.40	6.27	7.38	7.72
English Prose Fiction and Juveniles.....	60.36	61.77	62.88	64.40	59.83	62.57
Works in Continental Languages.....	11.81	11.68	12.10	10.11	11.15	12.15
Miscellaneous.....	4.17	3.53	3.15	3.29	3.26	3.08

These statistics show no material change, and they are substantially the same as those of other large circulating libraries which distribute popular books. The demands of the public in Chicago are the same as in every other city which maintains such a library. The tastes of individuals change, but those of the average masses are constant. There has been a small falling off in the percentage of English prose fiction, and a similar increase in some other departments, but the changes are not large enough to base any theories upon.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The large increase in the number of visitors and in the use of books at the reference tables during the past year, is one of the most interesting features in the beneficent work of the Library. The use of books for reference is the highest purpose to which they can be applied, and indicates that the person so using them is engaged in some serious and scholarly work which will be a benefit to himself if to no one else. The increase in the number of visitors at the reference tables has been forty-three per cent.; in the number of books used twenty-four per cent., and in the use of the American patent publications forty-eight per cent. The tables, much of the time, have been so crowded that it was difficult to find a seat, or sufficient space to work in comfortably. Four times the space we now have is needed for our present wants, and ten times the space ought to be provided for the use of reference students in the new library building. The reference department—by which term is now meant the books which do not circulate—is the strongest feature of the Library. In a larger and more proper sense, all books are reference books. The Library will never be able to do its best work and fulfill its true mission until it is provided with sufficient space to give scholarly persons convenient accommodations for pursuing their studies in the rooms. The number of visitors to the reference tables has been 42,734; the number of books consulted, 134,408, and the number of visitors to the American patents, 10,044. The use of the English patent publications, which are now complete, has increased from 229 tickets issued for their use the previous year, to 363 issued the past year, on which 2,316 volumes were consulted.

The increase in the number of visitors at the reference tables is to be partly attributed to the pupils of the high schools, whose interest in the Library has been awakened by the Saturday morning classes; and still more, perhaps, to

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the publication in December last of the new edition of my "Index to Periodical Literature," which has brought into use the contents of 4,864 volumes in this Library, which were before inaccessible. No department of the Library is now more consulted than its 170 sets of standard English and American periodicals which have been indexed, of which a list has been printed.

The following table shows the statistics of the reference department, month by month :

1882-83.				1881-82.			
Months.	Visitors.	Volumes.	Am. Pat.	Months.	Visitors.	Volumes.	Am. Pat.
June	2,654	9,327	621	June	2,301	8,533	594
July	2,568	9,274	625	July	1,632	7,554	370
Aug.	2,214	7,831	535	Aug.	2,037	8,161	534
Sept.	2,443	8,078	522	Sept.	2,078	7,539	494
Oct.	2,808	9,530	720	Oct.	2,681	9,297	635
Nov.	3,880	11,350	729	Nov.	2,878	9,564	612
Dec.	5,483	13,583	1,080	Dec.	2,691	10,880	620
Jan.	5,347	15,367	765	Jan.	3,193	9,556	528
Feb.	4,309	13,842	1,044	Feb.	2,184	9,840	644
March	3,176	10,772	1,108	March	2,960	8,792	675
April	3,783	12,826	1,122	April	2,325	9,256	660
May	4,069	12,628	1,173	May	2,875	9,432	670
Total,	42,734	131,408	10,044	Total,	29,835	108,404	7,036

READING ROOM.

The number of visitors to the reading room during the year was 543,456, an increase of forty-eight per cent. over the preceding year, and the number of periodicals issued was 264,649, an increase of thirty-three per cent. The number of books issued was 47,925, an increase of forty-five per cent.; and the average number of Sunday visitors was 1,587, an increase of thirty-three per cent. The following table shows the statistics, month by month :

1882-83.					1881-82.				
Month	Visit- ors.	Period- icals.	Books.	Sun- day.	Month	Visit- ors.	Period- icals.	Books.	Sun- day.
June	27,853	13,320	2,471	1,139	June	27,060	13,271	1,605	1,047
July	30,092	15,169	2,162	1,131	July	27,341	12,906	1,699	1,003
Aug.	38,523	19,557	2,516	1,285	Aug.	20,560	12,443	1,701	892
Sept.	36,125	18,967	2,139	1,250	Sept.	19,802	11,811	1,573	840
Oct.	38,906	19,362	2,842	1,392	Oct.	29,140	14,415	2,576	1,218
Nov.	44,741	22,744	3,388	1,691	Nov.	33,624	16,582	2,703	1,366
Dec.	57,628	28,864	4,884	1,839	Dec.	32,256	20,198	3,737	1,063
Jan.	55,448	27,689	5,734	1,665	Jan.	41,859	24,809	4,401	1,373
Feb.	55,342	27,567	5,815	1,827	Feb.	33,618	19,277	3,723	1,287
March	59,937	26,672	6,593	1,948	March	39,065	20,448	4,016	1,355
April	52,674	23,701	5,266	2,039	April	33,924	14,563	2,694	1,469
May	46,187	21,037	4,115	1,840	May	27,869	18,748	2,646	1,367
Total.	543,456	264,649	47,925	1,587	Total.	366,118	199,471	33,074	1,190

The number of serials on file is 388, of which 265 are periodicals and 123 are newspapers. Of the periodicals 106 are American, 80 English, 32 German and 47 of other nationalities. Of the newspapers 46 are dailies and 77 weeklies. Eleven of the dailies and 44 of the weeklies are donated by their publishers. A list of the serials donated is given in Appendix C. The amount expended for newspapers and periodicals was \$2,158.28.

It will readily be inferred that an increase of forty-eight per cent. in the number of visitors to the reading room during the past year is a fact which would be likely to contribute to the impurity of the atmosphere in the room, which has hitherto been a matter of complaint. By largely increasing the ventilation and excluding many persons who were exceptionally untidy in dress and personal habits, the quality of the air has been somewhat improved; but still it is far below the standard of purity which is desirable. It is a serious problem to maintain a free public reading room to which everybody has access, and to keep the air in an agreeable and healthy sanitary condition. It is another difficult problem to decide how untidy a person may be and still be exempt from exclusion. The only remedy in addition to the precau-

tions already taken, seems to be to furnish more ventilation.

ADMINISTRATION.

Twenty-five persons have been employed in the day service and six in the evening service, besides a janitor and assistant.

FINDING LISTS.

The second supplement to the Finding Lists, containing the titles of about 12,000 volumes, was printed in October last, and the two earlier issues were reprinted. Of the original issue and first supplement bound together, 450 copies have been sold at thirty-five cents each, and 550 copies of the same with the second supplement added at forty-five cents each, and 874 copies of the second supplement at ten cents each. The receipts from the sale of Finding Lists were \$492.40. It is more than three years since the main body of the lists was printed; and it will add greatly to the convenience of the public in using the Library, if, during the coming year these three separate issues be condensed into one new arrangement, and the books received since the second supplement was printed, included in the same. The card catalogue has been kept complete, and, through the attendants, is accessible to the readers who desire more minute and detailed information than the Finding Lists furnish.

BINDING.

The number of books sent to the binders was 6,629; the number repaired by the Library attendants 2,535, and the number put by them into Emerson binders was 150. The amount paid for binding was \$2,814.47. Nearly all the binding during the past year has been done by P. Ringer & Co. and J. Geiger, and has been very satisfactory in quality.

ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

The examination of the Library began in March, and has

been continued to the present time on the same plan which has been practiced for several years. The books are not called in, or their circulation in any way disturbed. By means of the shelf lists which are a complete inventory of the books in the Library, a record is taken of every book which is not in its place when the shelves are examined, and these books are subsequently found as far as possible. The number of books which are unaccounted for is 383, of which 165 are English prose fiction and juvenile books, 218 in all other classes. Of books reported missing last year 68 have reappeared, of which 37 were English prose fiction and 31 in other classes.

THE LIBRARY AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

In March, 1882, I had a consultation with the principals of the public schools at one of the meetings of their association for the purpose of devising some methods by which the work of the Library and schools could be brought nearer together. Much interest was manifested in the subject, several schemes were considered, and a committee of the teachers was appointed to consider and report upon it. The committee have prepared a list of books suitable for the reading of their pupils, but it has not yet been printed. Several principals of the grammar schools, by soliciting private subscriptions in their districts, and by arranging popular entertainments, have raised funds and provided their schools with excellent reference libraries and suitable books for the home reading of their pupils. Other schools are moving in the same direction. These schemes are excellent for the purpose of creating and directing a taste for good reading among the great masses of the school children. It seemed to me, however, that something ought to be done to bring the pupils of the high schools and the higher grades in the grammar schools into a closer and more personal contact with a large collection of books such as the Library possesses; to familiarize them with the standard books of reference; and to stimulate them to acquire habits of independent study and

research. Having conferred with teachers of the high schools and been cordially supported in this view, a definite plan was devised to accomplish this object, and was put in operation in January last. The plan in brief is this: An appointment is made with a teacher to bring his class to the Library on a Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. A subject for the day is selected, usually one which the class had been studying from text books. The standard books and illustrated works in the Library on that subject are laid out on the table in the Director's room, the teacher supervising the selection, and preparing himself to speak upon it, and especially with reference to the books before him, indicating such as are of the best authority, and describing the best method of using them. A preliminary talk is made by the Librarian, who welcomes the pupils, explains the purpose for which they were invited, which is, that they may become better acquainted with the Library, its resources, and the best way of using it. All these facilities of study are theirs, and they are invited to make the freest use of them. Hints and suggestions are given them how they can best acquire the habits of investigating subjects for themselves. The subject of the day is taken up and followed out as an illustration of the method by which a subject may be investigated—the purpose being to stimulate the pupils to a scholarly love of books, to know the tools they are to use, and how to use them. The teacher then makes his address, after which the pupils remain and examine the books. They are later taken through the Library and shown its arrangement, appliances and catalogues. The results are already seen in the many pupils who frequent the reference tables, and have applied for cards for drawing books.

Since January the 27th, when they began, there have been seventeen of these exercises, and the interest in them has been constantly increasing. The attendance at each has been about fifty, which is the full capacity of the room. It is to be hoped that when a new library building is erected, a room with three or four times the capacity of this will be devoted to the purpose, for it will be filled.

The success which has attended this experiment has been chiefly owing to the zeal and culture which the teachers have thrown into it. Their addresses to the pupils have been models of good taste and felicitous instruction. If repeated to a general audience they would be a healthy substitute for the superficial talk which passes in our day for popular lectures. The following are the subjects which have been treated by the persons named :

	Subject.	Teacher.	School.
Jan. 27.	Egypt.	Henry H. Belfield.	North High.
Feb'y 3.	Botany.	Wm. M. Payne.	South High.
" 10.	Natural History.	Geo. M. Clayberg.	West High.
" 17.	Rome.	Samuel Willard.	West High.
" 24.	Pompeii.	Edw. F. Stearns.	South High.
March 3.	German Literature.	G. Zimmerman.	Supt. of German.
" 10.	Rome.	Samuel Willard.	West High.
" 17.	Early Eng. Language.	Wm. M. Payne.	South High.
" 24.	Reference Books.	W. F. Poole.	Gram. Sch. Teachers.
" 28.	Geology.	Jer. Slocum.	North High.
April 7.	United States Hist'y.	Albert R. Sabin.	Kinzie Grammar.
" 14.	English Literature.	Ann E. Winchell.	North High.
" 28.	Early Printing.	W. F. Poole.	Private Schools.
May 12.	Paris.	Geo. P. Welles.	West High.
" 17.	Botany.	Henry F. Munroe.	North High.
" 19.	Archae'gy of Greece.	Henry F. Munroe.	North High.
" 26.	Athens.	Jas. R. Dewey.	West High.

Several private schools have asked for the same privileges as were given to the public schools; and on one occasion the advanced classes in several of these schools were received and the subject of "Early Printing" selected by them was treated by me.

So far as the high schools and the advanced classes in select private schools are concerned, the experiment is a complete success; but a problem still remains to be solved: How far can this or any similar scheme be applied to the higher grades in the grammar schools? The principals and teachers of the higher grades of the grammar schools were invited to meet me at the Library March 24, for a conference on the subject; and several of the principals and about fifty of the teachers responded to the invitation. I explained the plan

and purpose of these exercises, and addressed them on the special topic of "Reference Books." The principals made a cordial and ready response to the scheme proposed; and promised their co-operation. Some of the subordinate teachers did the same; but there was not among the majority of them that enthusiasm for assuming the care and responsibility of looking after the reading of their pupils which was encouraging. It was probably a new idea to them which they will view more favorably when they have had time to consider the advantage which some extra care on their part will be to the pupils. Several of the principals expressed an intention of bringing their seventh and eighth grades to the Library and conducting an exercise such as has been described. Mr. A. R. Sabin, principal of the Kinzie school, is the only one who as yet has brought his classes, but others are under engagement to do so. Mr. Sabin's session, at which the subject was "United States History," was one of the most interesting and profitable of the series.

By invitation of this Board, a joint meeting of the Board of Education and the Library Board was held in his room on the evening of April 5, at which the further development of the scheme of bringing the Public Library and the public schools nearer together was fully considered, and what had been done approved. At a late meeting of the Board of Education the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That this Board express to the Board of the Chicago Public Library their appreciation of the opportunity recently extended to them, to visit the Library with the view to bringing the resources of the Library into closer relations to the educational work of the public schools; and that in furtherance of the object proposed, a committee of this Board be appointed to confer with the Board of the Public Library or any committee which that Board may appoint."

THE NEW LIBRARY BUILDING.

In my last annual report I presented some facts based upon

the actual experience of another city that has for thirty years maintained a Public Library like ours—upon the similar experience of the National Library at Washington—and upon the statistics pertaining to the natural growth of this Library, which prove conclusively that the whole of Dearborn Park will be needed for the future wants of the Chicago Public Library. In view of these facts it is also evident that to build a suitable structure on Dearborn Park adapted to the immediate wants of the Library, without being able in future years to enlarge the building—because the remaining land is permanently occupied for other purposes—would be an inexcusable lack of foresight, and would entail the embarrassments and expense which older libraries have experienced. The whole of this property has once been turned over by the United States Government to the City of Chicago for a public park, and the title can not be alienated so long as the City does not use it for any other purpose. Several institutions, nevertheless, which are in no respect municipal in their character, are clamoring for a portion of the land; and influential citizens, wholly oblivious of the facts which have been presented, and often with no unfriendly feeling to the Library, advocate these claims simply on the bald and unsupported assertion that the Public Library does not need so much land. One institution has been striving for years to obtain a portion of this property of the City, and has thrown every possible obstacle in the way of favorable action by Congress on the Library bill. Another institution is preparing to assert its claims and is now canvassing the public for supporters. There are half a score of other worthy local institutions which are as needy and have as good a claim to public property as this new applicant, and they have not yet been heard from. The City Council by its official action has proposed, with the consent of Congress, to dedicate the whole park to the exclusive and perpetual use of the Public Library, and until the present title of the City to the property as a public park is vacated, it is not easy to see how Congress

can assign any portion of it to any of the claimants. The only effect of this struggle of outside parties to procure some portion of the land, is to thwart the interests of the public, to embarrass the Public Library, and delay the erection of the new Library Building.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. POOLE, *Librarian.*

APPENDIX A.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FROM 1874 TO 1883.

	1874.*	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.
Books in the Library.....	18,183	39,236	49,024	51,409	57,984	60,423	67,772	77,140	87,272	94,606
Total Accessions	11,331	21,053	10,251	3,399	7,876	4,287	8,440	11,920	11,038	9,416
purchased	9,899	20,122	8,056	2,441	6,544	3,010	7,799	9,814	9,601	8,065
donated	1,432	969	2,195	958	1,332	1,277	641	2,106	1,347	1,351
expended for Books	\$10,733 11	\$28,410 63	\$10,784 19	\$2,504 17	\$9,078 06	\$2,907 24	\$7,404 52	\$10,843 72	\$10,052 62	\$10,814 52
worn out.....	.....	38	463	1,015	1,301	1,848	1,137	2,502	906	2,082
unaccounted for.....	.....	322	421	286	186	210	100	281	297	385
Pamphlets, Accession of.....	2,638	1,944	354	282	419	1,037	487	848	2,133	1,442
Registration of New Book-Borrowers	2,574	20,710	9,843	6,932	11,831	9,130	9,505	10,905	10,241	11,174
Circulation of Books.....	7,659	399,156	405,747	398,090	354,506	368,428	306,751	352,801	349,977	376,475
Daily Average	295	1,313	1,366	1,301	1,166	1,205	1,002	1,161	1,144	1,259
Largest issue, one Day.....	574	2,539	2,631	2,501	3,309	2,319	2,176	2,421	2,358	2,654
Smallest issue, one Day.....	70	329	698	732	572	662	613	626	670	637
Received for Fines.....	\$3 65	\$2,648 72	\$2,831 44	\$2,710 64	\$1,959 57	\$1,882 70	\$1,775 72	\$2,064 35	\$2,169 18	\$2,220 26
Reading Room, Periodicals on File	314	288	285	220	210	228	221	241	252	265
Newspapers on File	123	80	104	91	98	118	128	120	124	123
Visitors	133,017	236,021	228,795	199,760	181,052	186,588	189,536	302,796	366,118	543,456
Periodicals Issued	88,682	135,355	138,934	127,423	115,275	119,547	124,597	184,617	199,471	264,649
Sunday Readers, Av.....	423	560	360	296	280	297	297	688	1,090	1,587
Cost of Serials.....	\$2,199 12	\$1,914 94	\$2,300 55	\$1,495 14	\$1,277 28	\$1,635 52	\$1,705 54	\$1,677 66	\$1,394 34	\$2,158 28
Reference Departm't Visitors.....	.....	.....	5,588	8,375	16,916	20,214	23,105	32,340	38,484	42,734
Issues.....	.....	.....	18,283	15,792	37,498	63,691	68,115	97,504	117,074	134,408
Binding, Cost of.....	\$1,028 87	\$1,991 80	\$4,356 57	\$2,993 25	\$2,723 55	\$3,984 02	\$2,167 01	\$3,364 65	\$3,843 32	\$2,814 47
Am't paid for Salaries.....	\$7,725 78	\$15,545 00	\$14,795 20	\$11,972 47	\$13,274 90	\$13,571 00	\$14,559 00	\$17,688 35	\$20,853 92	\$22,486 58

*The issues and other statistics of 1874 comprise only the work of the single month of May.

APPENDIX B.

LIST OF DONORS.

	VOLS.	PAMP.
Adams Express Company.....	5	
Alexander, Samuel, & Co., Syracuse, N. Y.....	1	
Aldrich, Hon. William.....	9	1
Aldrich, David Carr.....		1
American Board of Foreign Missions.....		1
American Dental Association.....	2	
American Institute of Mining Engineers.....	1	
American Philological Association.....		1
Amherst College.....		1
Andover, Mass., Theological Seminary.....		1
Arnold, Isaac N.....	3	1
Bacon, L., and G. L. Walker, Hartford, Conn.....		1
Baltimore, Peabody Institute.....		1
Batten, John M., Pittsburgh, Pa.....	1	
Bettles, William	2	
Bigelow Public Library, Clinton, Mass.....		1
Birmingham, Engl. Free Libraries.....		1
Boardman, C. A., Palatka, Florida.....		1
Bonney, Charles C.....	2	22
Boston, City of	4	
Boston, City Hospital.....		1
Boston, Industrial Aid Society.....		1
Boston, Provident Association.....		1
Boston, Public Library.....		6
Boston University.....	1	
Boutwell, F. M., Groton, Mass.....		1
Bradwell, Myra.....	7	
Bridgeport, Conn., Public Library.....		1
Brighton, England, Health Congress.....	2	
Brookline, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Brooklyn, N. Y., Brooklyn Library.....		2
Brown, Dr. Francis H., Boston.....	130	741
Brown and Holland Shorthand News Co.....		11

Brown University.....		1
Buffalo, Young Men's Christian Association.....		1
Butler, James Davie, Madison, Wis.....		1
California, University of.....	1	4
Cambridge, England, University Library.....		1
Camp, Mrs. J. D. H.....	10	71
Case, Sophia M.....		3
Caswell, E. T., Providence, R. I.....		1
Chicago, City of.....	6	
Chicago, Board of Education.....	7	
Chicago, Department of Public Works.....	6	
Chicago, House of Correction.....		1
Chicago, South Park Commissioners.....		2
Chicago, Astronomical Society.....		1
Chicago, Athenæum.....		1
Chicago, Board of Trade.....	1	
Chicago, Citizens' Law and Order League.....		1
Chicago, First National Bank.....	17	31
Chicago, Historical Society.....	1	2
Chicago, Inter-state Industrial Exhibition.....	4	
Chicago, Law Institute.....		1
Chicago, New West Education Commission.....		2
Chicago, Prisoners' Aid Association.....		1
Chicago, St. Ignatius College.....		1
Chicago Tribune.....	9	
Chicago, United Hebrew Relief Association.....		1
Christiania, Norway, Royal University.....	5	
Cincinnati, Board of Education.....	1	
Cincinnati Public Library.....	1	6
Clarke, Robert, Cincinnati.....	1	
Cleveland, H. W. S.....		2
Cleveland, O., Public School Library.....		1
Clockmakers' Company, London.....	1	
Cobden Club, London.....	1	
Colegrove, James.....		2
Columbus, O., City Library.....		1
Concord, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Cope, T. P., Philadelphia.....	3	
Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.....		1
Council Bluffs, Iowa, Public Library.....		1
Culver, M. E.....	4	
Curtis, W. H.....		1
Danvers, Mass., Peabody Institute.....		1
Davis, Charles W.....	1	
Davis, Hon. David, Bloomington, Ill.....	4	

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Davis, Hon. George R.....	28	4
Dayton, O., Public Library.....	1	
Dean, John Ward, Boston.....		2
Denslow, Van Buren.....		2
Dexter, Franklin B., New Haven, Conn.....	1	
Dillard, W. D.....	1	
Dixwell, George B., Boston.....	2	
Donnell, E. J., New York.....		2
Dresden, Royal Public Library.....	1	
Drown, T. M., Easton, Pa.....	1	
Duluth, Minn., Board of Trade.....	1	
Dundee, Scotland, Free Library.....		1
Dvorak, E. L.....	7	
Eaton, John, Washington.....		1
Edison Electric Light Company.....		18
Ellis, Dr. John, New York.....	1	
Everett, R. J., Boston.....	1	
Ewing, Mrs. Emma P.....	3	
Exhaust Ventilator Company.....		1
Fiske, Willard, Ithaca, New York.....	1	
Florence, National Library.....	12	
Funk and Wagnalls, New York.....	1	
Georgia Historical Society.....		1
Germantown, Pa., Friends' Free Library.....		1
Gilbert, Frank.....	1	
Glasgow, England, Mitchell Library.....		1
Goodwin, Daniel, Jr.....	1	1
Great Britain, Commissioners of Patents.....	105	
Green, Samuel A., Boston.....	2	1
Green, Samuel S., Worcester, Mass.....		1
Greene, Richard T., Washington.....		36
Greiner, Theodore S.....	1	
Griffin, James F., and Walter T. Dwight.....	42	
Hague, Holland, Royal Library.....	1	
Hall, Elial F., New York.....		1
Harlan, C.....	1	
Harlow, George A.....	3	
Hart, Charles Henry, Philadelphia.....		1
Hartford Library Association.....		3
Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.....	1	5
Hazard, Thomas R., Vaucluse, R. I.....	1	
Helleberg, C. G., Cincinnati.....	1	
Herrick, William J.....	91	
Hibbert, James, Preston, England.....	1	
Hild, Fred. H.....	2	2

Hill, Hamilton A., Boston.....	1	
Holbrook, Z. S.....	4	
Holden, Edward S., Madison, Wis.....	1	
Hotchkiss, J. F., New York	1	
Hough, Franklin B., Washington.....		1
Hulme, J. N., Western Springs, Ill.....	1	
Humphrey, Simon J.....	4	
Hunnewell, James F., Charlestown, Mass.....		1
Hyde, John.....		1
Illinois, Bureau of Labor Statistics.....	2	
Illinois, Secretary of State.....	6	
Illinois, Industrial University.....		4
Illinois, State Dental Society.....	1	
India, Viceroy and Governor General of.....	2	
Indiana State Library.....		1
Iowa College, Grinnell, Iowa.....		1
Iowa, Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows.....	1	
Jenkins, Howard M., Philadelphia, Pa.....		1
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.....		6
Jones, W. P.....	2	
Kansas, State Board of Agriculture.....	2	
Kansas, State Historical Society.....	1	
Kansas, State Library.....	6	
Lancaster, Mass., Library Committee.....		2
Leeds, England, Public Library.....		3
Leicester, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Leyboldt, F., New York.....	2	
Liverpool, England, Public Library.....		1
Lloyd, Henry D	2	
Logan, Honorable John A.....	7	
Long Island Historical Society.....		1
Lowell, Mass., Public Library.....		2
Lynn, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Macmillan, Thomas C.....	1	2
Madison, Wis., Board of Education.....		1
Malden, Mass., Public Library.....	1	1
Manchester, England, Free Libraries.....		1
Manchester, N. H., City Library.....		1
Marlborough, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Massachusetts, Secretary of State	6	
Massachusetts Medical Society.....		1
Melrose, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Michigan, Board of Education.....	1	
Michigan, State Library.....	29	9
Milwaukee, Public Library.....	1	7

Minnesota, Railroad Commissioner.....	1	
Minnesota, University of.....	3	
Missouri, University of.....	1	
Mitchell, C.....	1	
Morse, Godfrey, Boston.....		1
Moses, Adolph.....		1
Mueller, Prof. C. E. R.....	3	
Nagle, John T., New York.....		2
National Association for Social Science, London.....	2	
National Home for Soldiers, Milwaukee.....		1
Nebraska, State Library.....	41	
New Bedford, Mass., Public Library.....		2
New Jersey College, Princeton.....	2	
New Jersey State Library.....	1	
New York City, Astor Library.....		1
New York City, Board of Education.....	4	
New York City, General Society of Mechanics.....	1	1
New York City, Mercantile Library.....		1
New York City, Meteorological Observatory.....		5
New York City, Young Men's Christian Association.....	1	
New York Produce Exchange.....	1	
New York State Library.....	8	
Newburyport, Mass., Public Library.....		2
Newton, Prof. H. A., New Haven, Conn.....		1
Newton, Mass., Public Library.....		2
Novie, Fred.....	4	
Ohio Mechanics' Institute, Cincinnati.....	1	4
Ohio State Library, Columbus.....	14	1
Olivet College, Olivet, Mich.....		1
Onahan, William J.....		5
Ontario, Province of.....	7	
Pajol, Comte de, Paris.....	3	
Paterson, William, Edinburgh.....	1	
Payne, William M.....	5	
Peabody, Mass., Institute.....	1	2
Peck, William H.....	7	
Pennsylvania Historical Society.....	1	
Peoria, Ill., Board of Trade.....	1	
Peoria, Ill., Public Library.....		2
Perkins, Fred. B., San Francisco.....		1
Perkins, George H., Burlington, Vt.....		6
Philadelphia, Commissioners of Public Buildings.....	1	
Philadelphia, Library Company.....		1
Philadelphia, Mercantile Library.....		4
Philadelphia, Numismatic Society.....		1

Phillips, Henry, Jr., Philadelphia.....		1
Philosophical Society of Washington.....	2	
Pioneer Association of Athens Co., Ohio	1	
Piper, Richard U.....		1
Plum, William R.....	2	
Plymouth, England, Public Library.....		1
Poole, William F.....	9	9
Pope, Charles H., Farmington, Me.....		1
Porter, Noah, New Haven, Conn.....		1
Preston, Edward, London.....	2	
Pratt, Silas G.....		1
Prince, C. Leeson, Crowborough, England.....	1	
Providence, R. I., Athenæum.....		1
Providence, R. I., Public Library.....	1	1
Publishers of the Daily Graphic	1	
Quaritch, Bernard, London.....	1	
Quincy, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Reed, Mrs. H. V., Norwood Park, Ill.....	2	
Rhode Island, Historical Society.....	1	
Rhode Island, Department of State	1	
Rice, G. S.....	2	
Richardson, William, Glasgow, Scotland.....	2	
Ritch, Wm. G., Santa Fe, New Mexico.....	1	
Robinson, S., Glasgow, Scotland.....	1	
Rochdale, England, Free Library.....	1	2
Rochester, N. Y. University.....		1
Rose, A. Jr.....	1	
Rosenthal, Julius.....	2	
Rotherham, England, Public Library.....		1
Royal Scottish Society of Arts, Edinburgh.....	1	
St. Andrews Society, N. B.....	1	
St. Louis, Mercantile Library Association.....		1
St. Louis, Public School Library.....		5
San Francisco, Mechanics' Institute.....	1	
San Francisco, Mercantile Library Association.....	1	1
San Francisco, Odd Fellows' Library Association.....		1
San Francisco, Public Library.....	2	
Savage, Geo. F. S.....		2
Sears, J. Montgomery, Boston.....	1	
Sheridan, Philip H.....	2	1
Shorey, Daniel L.....	2	1
Smith, Alphons, London.....		1
Spaulding, Melville C.....	2	21
Springfield, Mass., City Library Association.....		1
Stearns, Robert E. C., Berkeley, Cal.....		1

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Stevens, Benjamin F., London.....	8	59
Stirling's and Glasgow Public Library.....	•	1
Swansea, England, Public Library.....		1
Swift, John C.....	1	
Taber, C. A. M., Wakefield, Mass.....	1	
Faunton, Mass, Public Library.....		1
Thomson, Charles, Battle Creek, Mich.....	18	
Toner, J. M., Washington.....	1	
Toronto, Mechanics' Institute.....		1
Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.....		1
Trumbull, M. M.....	1	
Tucker, Gilbert M., Albany, N. Y.....		2
Tucker, W. W., Boston.....	2	
United States, Adjutant General.....		2
United States, Bureau of Education.....	1	8
United States, Bureau of Statistics.....	3	1
United States, Census Bureau.....	6	66
United States, Chief of Ordinance.....	2	
United States, Coast Survey.....	1	
United States, Commissioner of Agriculture.....	2	
United States, Commissioner of Patents.....	8	
United States, Department of State.....	410	
United States, Director of the Mint.....	3	
United States, Engineer Office.....	2	
United States, Interior Department.....	29	
United States, Library of Congress.....		1
United States, Marine Hospital Service.....	1	
United States, Military Academy.....	1	
United States, Naval Observatory.....	2	
United States, Signal Service.....	7	2
United States, Surgeon-General.....	1	
United States, Tariff Commission.....		1
United States, War Department Library.....	1	
Victoria, Australia, Public Library.....		1
Victoria, Australia, Royal Society.....		1
Virginia Historical Society, Richmond.....		1
Vivarttas, Aloha, West Hoboken, N. J.....		1
Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind.....	1	1
Waite, Charles B.....	1	
Watertown, Mass., Free Public Library.....		1
West Bromwich, England, Free Library.....		1
Western Edison Light Company.....		1
Western Reserve and Northern Ohio Society.....		1
Wheeler, Joseph, Alabama.....		1
Whitaker, Alfred E., San Francisco.....		1

White, Andrew D., Ithaca, N. Y.....	1	
Wickersham, Wm. B.....	2	
Wigan, England, Public Library.....	1	
Willard, Mrs. Harriet J.....	1	
Willard, Samuel.....	2	4
Williams, Benezette.....		1
Williams, Talcott, Philadelphia.....	1	
Wilmington, Del. Institute.....		2
Wisconsin, Academy of.....	1	
Wisconsin, State Board of Charities.....	6	
Woburn, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania.....		2
Worcester, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Yale College.....		1
Young Men's Christian Associations.....	1	
Unknown	3	4

APPENDIX C.

SERIALS DONATED.

AMERICAN.

American Stationer.
Angelus.
Argus.
Canada Patent Office Record.
Chicago Legal News.
Chicago Medical Journal.
Chicago Proceedings of Council.
Christian Cynosure.
Congressional Record.
Dial.
Druggist.
Farmer's Review.
Florida.
Florida Agriculturist.
Folio.
Friend.
Home Visitor.
House and Home.
Index Medicus, (given by Dr. Weld.)
Legal Adviser.
Lumber Trade Journal.
Miller's Journal.
Mining Record.
Mining Review.
Missionary Herald.
Musical Bulletin.
National Live Stock Journal.
New Jerusalem Messenger.
Northwestern Review.
Official Gazette, U. S. Pat. Office.
Phonographic Monthly.
Present Age.

Shorthand News.
Stationer and Printer.
Unitarian Review.
Unity.
Weekly Magazine.
Western Agriculturist.
Western Manufacturer.
Wheelman.

BRITISH PUBLICATIONS.

Homoeopathic Review.
Investor's Monthly Manual.
Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society.
Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society.
Weekly Register.

GERMAN PUBLICATIONS.

Acker-u. Gartenbauzeitung.
Fortschritt der Zeit.
Im Familienkreise.
Katholischer Jugend Freund.
Reichsbote.

OTHER FOREIGN SERIALS.

Afholdsbladet (Danish)
Chicago Listy (Bohemian)
Delnick Americky (Bohemian)
Diblik (Bohemian).
Duch Casu (Bohemian).

Zabavne Listy (Bohemian).
Zzoda (Polish).

DAILY NEWSPAPERS.

Boston, Herald.
Chicago, Arbeiter Zeitung.
Inter-Ocean.
Morning Herald.
Skandinaven
Staats-Zeitung. (2 copies.)
Svornost.
Weather Bulletin.
Jersey City, Evening Journal.
New Orleans, Times.
New York, Delnicke Listy.

WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS.

Alfred Center (N. Y.) Sabbath Recorder.
Battle Creek (Mich.), Advent Review.
Boston, Christian Register.
Chicago, Beobachter.
Bladet.
Christelige Talsmand.
Demokrat.
Express.
Gamla och Nya Hemlandet.
Folke Vennen.
Folkels Avis.

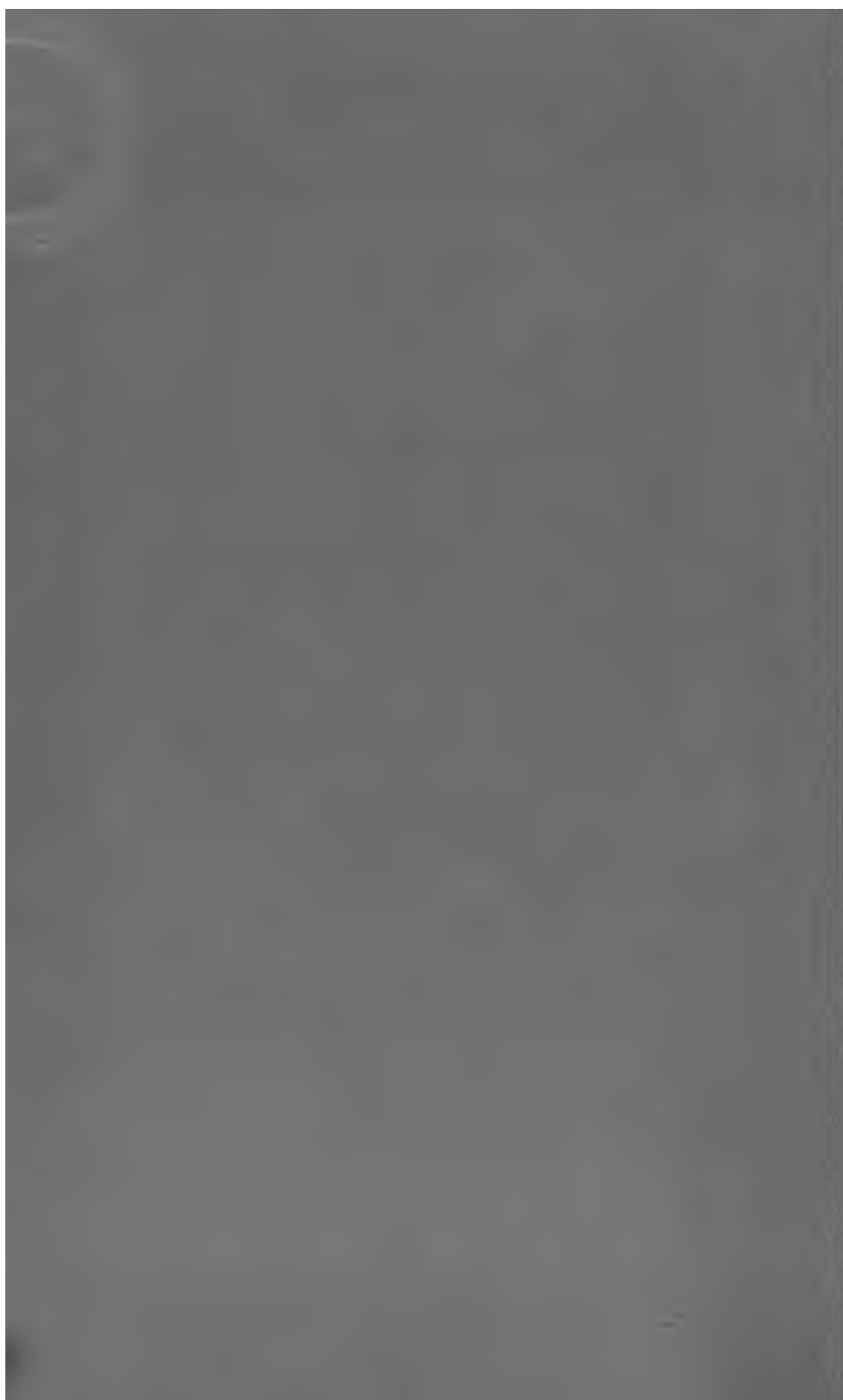
Chicago, Illustreret Ugeblad.
Industrial World.
Israelitische Presse.
Journal of Commerce.
Katholischer Volksbote.
Lever.
Missions-Wannen.
Norden.
Nye Tid.
Occident.
Oesterreichisch-Am. Zeitung.
Progressive Age.
Saturday Herald.
Standard.
Svenska Amerikanaren.
Svenska Tribunen.
Verdens Gang.
Vorbote.
Western Catholic.
Cleveland, Dennice Novoveka.
Detroit, Michigan Catholic.
Fargo, Republican.
Fort Madison, Democrat.
Kankakee (Ill.), Courier de l'Illinois.
New York, Irish World.
Paper Trade Journal.
Oakland (Cal.), Signs of the Times
South Chicago, Weekly Tribune.
Washington (D. C.), Sentinel.

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JUNE, 1884.



CHICAGO:
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 1883-1884.

HARRY RUBENS, <i>President</i> ,	Term Expires	1885
BERNARD CALLAGHAN,	" "	1886
JOHN W. ENRIGHT,	" "	1885
WILLIAM J. HYNES,	" "	1887
LAWRENCE W. KADLEC,	" "	1886
THOMAS C. MAC MILLAN,	" "	1887
ADOLPH MOSES,	" "	1885
HENRY W. ROGERS,	" "	1886
WILLIAM H. WELLS,	" "	1887

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1884-1885.

Library and Reading Room : Messrs. CALLAGHAN, MOSES and MACMILLAN.

Administration : Messrs. KADLEC, WELLS and ENRIGHT.

Buildings and Grounds : Messrs. MOSES, MACMILLAN and ROGERS.

Finance : Messrs. WELLS, ROGERS and HYNES.

By-Laws and Regulations : Messrs. HYNES, CALLAGHAN and ENRIGHT.

Future Library Building : Messrs. HYNES, MACMILLAN, CALLAGHAN, MOSES and KADLEC.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

Librarian: WILLIAM F. POOLE.

Assistant Librarians:

W. B. WICKERSHAM,	Mrs. L. E. VOELLMY,
FRED. H. HILD.	

Library Assistants:

M. F. H. MOE,	LIZZIE BARROW,
C. WACHTMEISTER,	MAGGIE RYAN,
ELIZABETH A. YOUNG,	OTILIE GOLDBERGER,
KATE M. HENNEBERRY,	MAY WATERMAN,
ELIZA KEON,	JOHN R. PATTERSON,
LILYAN MORAWSKI,	JOHN F. WHELAN,
EMILY S. ROOKS,	WM. A. PURER,
CARRIE L. ELLIOTT,	JOHN P. FITZPATRICK,
MAGGIE KEARNEY,	R. ARENTZ,
Mrs. THEO. SCHMIDT,	CHARLES LHOTKA,
ANNA FITZGERALD,	JAMES KELLY,
OTTO GOLDBERGER.	

Evening Attendants:

CHARLES W. EVANS.	THOS. F. CORBETT,
ED. L. DVORAK,	JOHN A. TALBUT,
ERNST J. OHRENSTEIN.	

Janitor: N. S. PURVIANCE.

Night Watchman: W. A. SMITH.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TO THE HON. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CHICAGO:

Gentlemen—In compliance with the provisions of the act of the General Assembly under which the Public Library of Chicago is organized, the undersigned, its Board of Directors, beg leave to present this, its twelfth annual report:

The details relating to the condition of the trust on the first day of June, 1884, and to the other matters required to be embraced in the annual report, will more fully appear from the annexed report of the principal officers, the Librarian and Secretary. It will be seen therefrom that the prosperity of the Library of Chicago has been commensurate with the general growth of the city. For the first time since its existence have the volumes on its shelves reached the number of one hundred thousand and upwards, and the institution is rapidly approaching that magnitude and importance which will entitle it to rank as one among the great book collections of the world. On the first day of June, 1884, it contained 106,341 books, or 12,972 more than on the same day of the preceding year. This increase of 12,972 volumes is by far larger than during any former year, excepting only the year of its foundation.

The amount appropriated for Library purposes last year was \$59,000, and this year \$68,100; of this only \$54,063.18 was expended, the balance remaining in the City Treasury

to the credit of the Library. The principal items of expense were \$25,159.43 for salaries, and \$12,995.86 for books. Disproportionate as these figures may appear, it is, nevertheless, a fact that the employes of this branch of the City Government are, with the exception of the two principal officers, poorer paid than the employes of any other. Another explanation for the apparently large sum expended for salaries (considering the number of volumes purchased) is the enormous and constantly-increasing patronage of the Library. Not less than 429,616 books have been taken out for home use, an increase over last year of fourteen per cent. The Reference Department has been visited by 59,696 persons, and the volumes consulted by them number no less than 175,360, an increase since last year of thirty-nine per cent. in the number of visitors, and of thirty per cent. in the use of books. The number of persons who have used the American Patent Reports is 17,252, and the French and English Patent Reports were also widely consulted. The reading-room of the Library has been extensively patronized. The Librarian's report shows the total number of visitors to have been 603,302, an increase of eleven per cent., and the number of periodicals issued 285,422, an increase of eight per cent. The beneficial effect of keeping the reading-room open on Sunday appears from the fact that the average attendance on Sundays has been 1,705. To wait upon these thousands of persons; to receive and issue the books and periodicals; to supervise the reading-room and Reference Department; to attend to the binding of new and worn-out books, together with the work of selecting the books to be purchased and the cataloging of those bought, and the numerous other details to be attended to, require many busy hands and watchful eyes; and hence the seemingly high sum expended for salaries.

The three most noteworthy accessions to the Library were the French Patent Reports, the Medical Library donated by the Chicago Medical Society, and a respectable list of Polish and Spanish books purchased by the Board. The fact that the cost of binding the French Patent Reports was defrayed by private citizens is the very best proof how valuable these reports are regarded by that part of the public most directly interested in the latest production of human ingenuity the world over. The donation made by the Medical Society will form the nucleus of a public Medical Library, of which that profession seems so sadly in need. The purchase of the Spanish and Polish books will aid considerably in making our Library useful to all its citizens, whether they were born under the sun of the Republic or of Great Britain, or whether their cradle stood on the banks of the Rhine or the Seine, the Tiber or the Moldau, the Vistula or the Ebro, or on one of the picturesque lakes of the Northern Peninsula. Chicago is a cosmopolitan city par excellence, and, while the books in foreign languages will always have to be mere adjuncts to the great bulk of books in the language of the country, it is a matter of simple justice that all its citizens should be enabled to drink at its fountain of knowledge as long as the money of all its taxpayers, irrespective of the place of their birth or the language they speak, is contributed for its support. Again, with the advancement of a higher grade of education in America, the knowledge of one or more of the modern foreign languages is fast becoming more universal, and furnishes another reason for the enlargement of the Library in that direction.

The co-operation of the Public Library with the public schools was the great feature of the year's work immediately preceding our last report. The leading feature of our work

during this year was the establishment of delivery stations in the several divisions of the city. In its eleventh annual report the Board announced its policy to be not so much the accumulation of a vast number of books, as to make the books as accessible as possible to the masses. With this end in view, the system of furnishing books to the public schools and instructing the pupils in their use, was maintained and perfected; and, in addition thereto, delivery stations have been established in the centers of population. Chicago is not only the commercial focus of the Northwest, but as a manufacturing city it is of equal importance, and a large part of its population consists of the busy men and women who fill its workshops and great industrial establishments. In the shape of direct and indirect taxation they defray by far the greatest part of the sums required for the support of the Public Library, and without delivery stations and branch Libraries close to their homes, its benefits—situated as it is in the heart of the business center, miles from their homes and workshops—have been practically denied to the greater portion of the laboring classes. If a free Public Library is to possess a general educational effect, it should be made easily accessible to that class of persons upon whom it is most desirable that this effect should operate. For these reasons we commenced the establishment of delivery stations, which are to be perfected into regular branch Libraries as soon as the means at our command will permit. It is too early to point to any definite results, but the patronage of the stations so far in operation gives promise of the most flattering success to this new departure.

To dwell upon the necessity of a permanent and safe home for our institution; to demonstrate the necessity of a Public Library Building; to show the inconvenience and exposure to fire of our present quarters, has become too

stale a subject to be repeated here. The reports of all former Boards contain probably everything that can well be said in that regard. We may, however, point with some satisfaction to the fact that we have advanced one step farther in our attempts to secure from Congress the dedication of Dearborn Park for the Library. Having succeeded in obtaining from the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives an unanimous report in our favor, we have strong hopes of the speedy passage of our bill, notwithstanding the session of Congress is drawing to a close.

Respectfully,

HARRY RUBENS, <i>President</i> ,	} <i>Directors.</i>
BERNARD CALLAGHAN,	
JOHN W. ENRIGHT,	
WILLIAM J. HYNES,	
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ADOLPH MOSES,	
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WILLIAM H. WELLS,	

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, }
CHICAGO, JUNE 9, 1884. }

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Gentlemen—As required by the seventh section of the Act of the General Assembly, under which the Library is established, I herewith submit the following financial and statistical statements for the year ended May 31, 1884 :

ACCOUNT WITH CONTROLLER.

RECEIPTS.

From Library Fund, on Vouchers
issued by the Board\$54,063 18

EXPENDITURES.

For Salaries.....	\$25,159 43
Books.....	12,995 86
Binding.....	3,335 61
Rent.....	4,000 01
Newspapers and Periodicals...	1,797 72
Lighting—seven months.....	755 55
Insurance.....	1,410 00
Printing and Stationery.....	862 81
Heating.....	790 80
Furniture and Fixtures.....	302 55
Freight.....	231 55
Postage.....	208 35
Incidental Expenses.....	810 29
Finding Lists.....	1,402 65
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	\$54,063 18 \$54,063 18

CASH ACCOUNT.**RECEIPTS.**

Balance on hand June 1, 1883.....	\$1,192 16
From Fines.....	2,954 32
Finding Lists.....	281 05
Security Deposits	927 25
Books Lost.....	256 91
Old Paper.....	19 20
Duplicates.....	24 94
City Controller.....	1,282 03
Rebate on Freight.....	16 25
Rebate on Insurance.....	1 87
For Acc't of French Patents...	325 00
Contingent Fund....	403 21

EXPENDITURES.

Paid City Controller amount rec'd for Fines, Finding Lists, Old Paper, Duplicates, Insurance, and Acc't of French Patents, as above	\$3,606 38
For Security Deposits Refunded ...	1,012 25
Books Lost and Replaced.....	538 34
Newspapers and Periodicals ..	102 31
Printing and Stationery..	63 71
Freight and Express	231 55
Postage	208 35
Incidental Expenses.....	879 56
Books.....	4 53
Binding	16 29
Loss in Fidelity Savings Bank..	104 01
Balance on hand June 1, 1884..	916 91
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	\$7,684 19 \$7,684 19

Number of Books in the Library	106,341
" " purchased.....	11,799
" " donated.....	1,173
" " unaccounted for.....	775

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
County of Cook. } ss.

I, W. B. WICKERSHAM, Secretary of the Chicago Public Library Board, do solemnly affirm that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

Affirmed to and subscribed before me, this 9th day of June, A. D. 1884.

[SEAL.] ANDREW J. MESERVE,
Notary Public.

THE LIBRARY FUND.

To the credit of this fund June 1, 1884:

Fund of 1877.....	\$2,799 75	
Fund of 1878.....	7,896 94	
Fund of 1879.....	12,837 75	
	<hr/>	23,534 44
Fund of 1883.....		31,911 59
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		\$55,446 03

Fund of 1884 :

Appropriation March 31, 1884.	\$68,100 00	
Misc. Receipts, Jan. 1 to May		
31, 1884.....	1,757 86	
	<hr/>	\$69,857 86
Expended Jan. 1 to May 31, 1884..	20,851 99	
	<hr/>	49,005 87
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Total to the credit of the Library Fund June 1,
1884\$104,451 90

Of this sum, the amounts to the credit of the funds of 1877, 1878 and 1879, viz., \$23,534.44, still stand on the City Controller's books to the credit of the General Fund, to which they were transferred in accordance with an order

passed by the City Council March 1, 1880, covering into that fund all unexpended balances of the various departments of the city on that date.

As the City Council passed an order Sept. 10, 1880, directing the Controller to transfer back to the Library Fund all moneys to its credit on March 1, 1880, I have always included the same as among the available assets of the Library Board.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

CHICAGO, June 15, 1884.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit herewith my eleventh annual report on the condition and statistics of the Public Library for the official year ending May 31, 1884.

Notwithstanding the serious embarrassments arising from our present cramped and inconvenient rooms, the past year has been the most progressive and prosperous one in the growth and work of the Library. The accessions of new books have been larger than during any other year since 1875, when the Library was in process of formation and had just been opened to the public. In the registration of book-borrowers there has been an increase of twenty-two per cent. over the registration of the preceding year; in the number of books taken out for home use an increase of fourteen per cent.; in visitors to the reference department of thirty-nine per cent.; in volumes consulted at the reference tables of thirty per cent.; in visitors to the reading room of eleven per cent.; in the issues of periodicals and books used in the reading room of nine per cent., and in the use of the American and foreign patent publications of seventy-one per cent. The number of visitors to the Library and reading room, so far as it became a matter of record, was 1,222,272, or a daily average of 3,660. The whole number of daily visitors was doubtless 4,200, or more. The plan adopted more than a year ago, of receiving classes at the Library from the High Schools and Grammar Schools and giving them instruction as to reading, the best use of books, the methods of making independent investigation of

topics for themselves, and, in co-operation with their own teachers, giving the classes familiar talks upon some special subject, with the books relating to the subject before them—has been continued during the year, and these exercises have been highly appreciated by the pupils and their teachers. The new rules, adopted jointly by the Library Board and the Board of Education, by which the Principal of a school may make requisition on the Library for books needed in the instruction of classes, have gone into operation and have developed excellent results. The Public Schools and the Public Library have, by this co-operative action, been drawn into closer relations in their common work of elevating the standard of education in the whole community.

• We have the cheering assurance that this valuable Library of more than one hundred thousand volumes will not remain much longer in these wretched, inaccessible and combustible quarters. The Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives at Washington has recently reported unanimously in favor of assigning to the Chicago Public Library the use of Dearborn Park for the erection thereon of a suitable, spacious and fire-proof library building, and with a reservation of ample space for extension whenever the future wants of the Library shall require it. When the bill now on the House calendar is reached, there can be no doubt of its passage in that body, and of a prompt concurrence by the Senate.

The statistics which follow are given in the order and form of my previous reports. A compendious statement of the statistics of the Library since 1875 will be found in Appendix "A."

BOOKS.

The present number of books in the Library is 106,341. The number reported last year was 94,606. The number entered in the accession catalogue was 12,972, of which 11,799 were bought and 1,173 given. The number of vol-

umes worn out and condemned was 1,237, of which 749 were English prose fiction, 372 juvenile books, 7 history, 1 biography, 5 travels, 1 practical arts, 19 poetry and drama, 66 German literature, 2 French literature, 11 Scandinavian literature and 4 Bohemian literature. Of pamphlets, 159 have been bought and 445 given, a total accession of 604 pamphlets. The amount expended for books was \$12,-995.86.

The Commissioners of Patents of Great Britain have given to the Library, during the year, 75 volumes of its publications, in continuation of the series up to June, 1883. The Legation of Mexico, at Washington, has given 17 volumes of recent Mexican public documents, and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, through William S. Pettigrew, Esq., of this city, has given 26 volumes of its publications. The Viceroy of India has continued sending the volumes of the Trigonometrical Survey of India as they are issued; Edward G. Mason, Esq., has given a complete and bound set of *The Nation*, New York, in 36 volumes, and William H. Wells, Esq., a complete set of the *American Quarterly Review*, in 22 volumes. The Chicago Medical Society has given 262 volumes of new and valuable medical books, in view of establishing, when we have a new building, a permanent medical reference library as a department of the institution. The United States Government, through its several departments and bureaus, has given 161 volumes. The State of Illinois has given 26 volumes of its recent public documents; Michigan, 15 volumes; Ohio, 14 volumes, and Massachusetts 12 volumes. The Chicago *Times* has given, including some duplicates, 161 volumes; and among the 320 donors we have been indebted especially to Dr. Samuel Willard for 21 volumes; to Arthur Hawxhurst for 89 volumes; to Wirt Dexter for 67 volumes; to Mrs. George R. Clark for 63 volumes; to S. B. Brant for 18 volumes, and to Dr. S. J. Humphrey for 17 volumes. A full list of donors is given in Appendix "B."

The following classified list gives the number of volumes in thirty classes, and the number added to each class during the year:

Class.	Accessions of the year.	Total No of volumes in Library.
History	371	6,731
Biography	311	4,285
Travels	385	4,085
Poetry and Drama	146	2,405
Essays and Miscellanies	110	1,989
Polygraphy and Collected Works	32	2,073
Fine Arts	113	1,141
Natural Science	164	2,952
Practical Arts, including Patents	625	6,291
Political Economy—Social Science	166	2,172
Language and Literature	97	1,478
Mental and Moral Science	116	1,302
Ancient Classics	19	558
Religion	270	3,155
Medicine	379	1,555
Law	21	498
Periodicals and Newspapers	1,210	10,466
Government Doc's, State Papers, etc	445	6,013
Bibliography	66	784
Dictionaries and Encyclopædias	79	1,416
English Prose Fiction	2,414	16,461
Juvenile Literature	739	3,915
German Literature	2,381	12,374
French Literature	376	4,005
Italian Literature . . . . .	....	170
Spanish Literature	7	36
Dutch Literature	7	1,073
Bohemian Literature	187	2,538
Polish Literature	1,006	1,006
Scandinavian Literature	730	3,471
Total	12,972	106,341

BOOK BORROWERS.

The present number of registered book borrowers, who hold cards which entitle them to draw books for home use, is 23,783. The number reported last year was 21,415. All cards are canceled two years after they are issued, and are renewed on a new registration. The number of cards issued during the year was 12,609, of which 7,937 were to males and 4,672 were to females. The number issued the preceding year was 11,174, showing an increase of 22 per cent.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The circulating department has been open for the delivery of books 307 days during the year, and 429,313 volumes have been taken out for home use. The number reported last year was 376,475, showing an increase of fourteen per cent. The daily average circulation was 1,404 volumes, against 1,229 during the preceding year. The largest number of books taken out on any one day (February 23) was 3,317; and the smallest number on any one day (November 5) was 694. The same facts appear which have before been noticed, that more books are read in March than in any other month; that February, as a reading month, is the next in order; and that the fewest books are read in June and September, which are the months on which the closing and opening of the public schools occur. The average evening circulation was 197 against 188 during the preceding year, showing a small increase of five per cent. The amount received from fines was \$2,954 32.

The following table shows the circulation and daily averages month by month for the past two years:

1883-84.				1882-83.			
MONTH.	Days.	Circulation.	Average.	MONTH.	Days.	Circulation.	Average.
June.....	26	31,222	1,201	June.....	26	26,946	1,036
July.....	25	31,866	1,275	July.....	25	28,531	1,141
August.....	27	32,001	1,222	August.....	27	30,213	1,119
September.....	25	30,266	1,210	September.....	26	27,517	1,060
October.....	27	32,201	1,192	October.....	26	27,766	1,068
November.....	25	33,668	1,346	November.....	25	29,041	1,162
December.....	24	35,622	1,484	December.....	25	31,366	1,255
January.....	26	40,714	1,566	January.....	26	34,796	1,338
February.....	24	42,059	1,750	February.....	23	34,836	1,515
March.....	26	44,902	1,727	March.....	27	40,069	1,484
April.....	26	38,834	1,494	April.....	25	32,803	1,312
May.....	26	35,958	1,383	May.....	26	32,591	1,254
Total.....	307	429,313	1,404	Total.....	307	376,475	1,229

The benefits which the Public Library is capable of conferring upon every section of the city will not be fully attained until branches for the circulation of popular books are established in different parts of its extended territory. If the Board had funds available for this purpose, these branches could be established immediately ; but, unfortunately, such is not the condition of its finances. To establish on a firm basis a central library and furnish it with the books needed, the Board has doubtless considered its first duty. This object having been secured, another duty of primary importance presents itself in providing its central library with a convenient, spacious and fire-proof building. For erecting such a building the Board must rely mainly on the free-will offerings of citizens. The establishment of such branch libraries as will fully meet the public wants requires a large expenditure of money, and hence must be postponed until the necessary funds are available. As evidence that the Board has not lost sight of branch libraries, arrangements which will secure some of their advantages have been made for establishing four delivery stations—two in the West Division and one in each of the North and South Divisions—at which books will be delivered and

received at the expense of the Library. The applicant will leave his library card and list of books desired at one of these stations, and in a few hours may call and receive the book; and, when read, can exchange it for another. The location of the delivery station in the South Division is at 154 Twenty-second street, and of one in the West Division at 479 South Halsted street. Both of these were opened June 9. Of the opening of a second station in the West Division and of one in the North Division, future notice will be given.

CLASSIFICATION OF THE CIRCULATION.

The following table exhibits, for the past year and of the five previous years, the percentage of circulation in the seven classes of books of which a record has been kept :

	1884	1883	1882	1881	1880	1879
History and Biography.....	8.81	8.72	8.56	8.45	8.85	8.59
Voyages and Travels.....	4.23	4.17	3.98	3.51	4.13	4.69
Poetry and Drama.....	3.89	3.85	3.73	3.51	2.95	2.95
Science and Art.....	7.12	6.92	6.75	6.40	6.27	7.38
Eng. Prose Fiction and Juveniles	59.73	60.36	61.77	62.88	64.40	59.83
Works in Continental Languages.	11.97	11.81	11.68	12.10	10.11	11.15
Miscellaneous	4.25	4.17	3.53	3.15	3.29	3.26

These statistics show a healthy literary tendency, and a fair measure of good taste in the readers of this community, when they are compared with similar statistics kept in other public libraries which furnish freely popular reading.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The number of visitors to the reference department was 59,696; the number of volumes used 175,360; and 17,352 persons used the sets of American and foreign Patents. The increase over the preceding year in the number of visitors was thirty-nine per cent.; in the use of books thirty per cent.; and in the use of the patent publications seventy-one per cent.

The following table gives the monthly statistics for the past two years:

1883-84.				1882-83.			
MONTH.	Visitors.	Vols.	Patents.	MONTHS.	Visitors.	Vols.	Patents.
June.....	4,092	12,988	1,216	June.....	2,568	9,274	625
July.....	4,368	11,929	1,160	July.....	2,214	7,831	535
August....	3,926	12,254	1,332	August....	2,443	8,078	522
Sept.....	3,670	11,729	1,285	Sept.....	2,190	7,794	727
October....	4,560	12,948	1,280	October....	2,808	9,530	720
November..	4,286	14,170	1,300	November..	3,880	11,350	729
December..	5,652	16,737	1,742	December..	5,483	13,583	1,080
January...	5,955	17,585	1,750	January...	5,347	15,367	765
February..	5,976	18,032	1,758	February..	4,309	13,842	1,044
March.....	6,213	18,160	1,405	March.....	3,176	10,772	1,108
April.....	6,144	14,866	1,600	April.....	3,783	12,826	1,122
May.....	4,854	13,962	1,427	May.....	4,069	12,628	1,173
Total....	59,696	175,360	17,252	Total.....	42,734	134,408	10,044

The use of books in the reference department has so increased that a much larger space is needed for its proper and safe administration. Readers are incommoded by being crowded into such narrow limits; and when so many books are in use at once, it is not possible for the attendants to have that oversight of them which their safety requires. The attendants, in filling orders for reference books, are away from the tables a considerable portion of the time. The whole area now occupied by the cases of bound periodicals is needed for the reference tables, and with this additional space a new and better system of administration could be adopted. Reference books should be applied for only on blank slips with the signature of the applicant. The slip should be kept as a receipt and checked off when the book is returned. This is done with all books applied for in the reading room, but in the contracted space assigned to the reference tables, and with the present arrangements, this plan is not practicable. The reference books, with the exception, perhaps, of a few encyclopædias,

should be accessible only by written application through the attendants.

Until the Library is established in a new building there seems to be no possibility of making satisfactory arrangements and accommodations for the Reference Department, there being no vacant space in our crowded rooms to which the periodical cases can be removed. As a partial remedy I propose to separate the duty of receiving and delivering books in the Juvenile Department from the care and oversight of the reference tables, in order that the reference attendants may give closer attention to their special duties. It appears by the recent annual examination that too many books are unaccounted for; and the unpleasant suspicion arises that some of these books have disappeared from the crowded reference tables. Some changes, also, in the present contracted space assigned to the Reference Department can be made in the arrangement of the desks, by which an attendant can have constant oversight of the tables, and be present to give readers information. With the changes suggested books can be called for by written slips, collected by runners, and checked off by the attendant in charge when they have been used.

The most marked feature in the development of the Reference Department is in the use of the patent publications, which, during the past year, has increased seventy-one per cent. Manufacturers, inventors and patent solicitors can here find complete sets of the United States, British, French, German and Canadian patents; and arrangements have been made to procure, at the earliest moment, the latest issues of all these publications. The privilege of access to this complete collection is not only highly appreciated by the residents of Chicago who are largely interested in patent inventions and formerly found it necessary to have their examinations made in Washington, but the books are much consulted by citizens from all the Northwestern States, who visit Chicago for this purpose. A set of the French

patents was added to the collection during the past year, and \$325, the expense of binding the set, was voluntarily contributed by six of the leading firms of patent attorneys and solicitors of Chicago, viz.: Coburn & Thacher; West & Bond; M. E. Dayton; Hill & Dixon; Munday, Evarts & Adcock, and Offield & Towle.

The Reference Department has been enriched by a valuable donation of new medical books from the Chicago Medical Society, with the view of establishing in the future, as a department of the Public Library, a large and well-selected Medical Library of reference, which will be accessible to the whole medical profession of the city, as well as to the public at large. The Chicago Medical Press Association has also expressed its intention of contributing its library for the same object. When the new Library building is erected other contributors will be ready to make donations; for in our present quarters we have not the space for carrying out the full intention of the donors. A large and complete medical library of reference, which shall be a credit to the profession, has long been a desideratum in this city; and in the recent action of the medical societies, and the sympathy for the object expressed by the medical profession, is foreshadowed its future attainment.

READING ROOM.

The number of visitors to the reading room during the year was 603,302, an increase of eleven per cent. over the preceding year; and the number of periodicals issued was 285,422, an increase of eight per cent. The number of books issued was 52,111, an increase of nine per cent.; and the average number of Sunday visitors was 1,705, an increase of eight per cent. The following table shows the statistics of the reading room month by month for the years stated:

1883-84.					1882-83.				
MONTH.	Visitors.	Periodicals.	Books.	Sunday visitors.	MONTH.	Visitors.	Periodicals.	Books.	Sunday visitors.
June ..	43,364	19,639	4,086	1,603	June ..	27,853	13,320	2,471	1,139
July ..	42,302	19,375	3,752	1,509	July ..	30,092	15,169	2,162	1,131
August	43,359	19,904	3,560	1,463	August	38,523	19,557	2,516	1,285
Sept ..	39,001	19,176	2,649	1,563	Sept ..	36,125	18,967	2,139	1,250
Oct ...	44,339	20,406	3,527	1,754	Oct ...	38,906	19,362	2,842	1,392
Nov ...	50,087	24,928	4,231	1,669	Nov ...	44,741	22,744	3,388	1,691
Dec ...	58,196	29,672	4,862	1,793	Dec ...	57,628	28,864	4,884	1,839
Jan....	63,654	31,555	5,894	1,688	Jan....	55,448	27,689	5,734	1,665
Feb ...	61,185	29,374	6,439	2,110	Feb ...	55,342	27,567	5,815	1,827
March.	61,008	27,559	5,890	1,968	March.	56,937	26,672	6,593	1,948
April ..	52,136	23,664	3,890	1,696	April ..	52,674	23,701	5,266	2,039
May ...	44,671	20,170	3,331	1,645	May ...	46,187	21,037	4,115	1,840
Total..	603,302	285,422	52,111	1,705	Total..	543,456	264,649	47,925	1,587

The number of serials on file is 425, of which 284 are periodicals and 141 are newspapers. Of the periodicals 122 are American, 82 English, 54 German, 11 French, 7 Scandinavian, and 8 of other nationalities.

Of the newspapers 51 are dailies and 90 weeklies; 12 of the dailies and 48 of the weeklies are donations from their publishers. The amount expended for newspapers and periodicals was \$1,797.72.

Several additional newspaper stands have been placed in the reading room, and a duplicate copy of each of the prominent Chicago newspapers has been put on file. The condition of the air in the room has been improved by increased ventilation, and by the use of the new and improved heaters and ventilators; and yet the facts will hardly justify the statement that the difficulty has been wholly removed. The maintenance of a fair—not to say immaculate—purity of air in a public reading room visited by several thousand persons daily—where everybody who wishes to read comes without any prescribed condition as to personal cleanliness—is a sanitary problem which is yet unsolved. One unclean person vitiates a large volume of pure air. Until some regu-

lations can be prescribed and enforced for excluding persons whose personal cleanliness does not come up to the required standard, there seems to be no better method of maintaining a fair sanitary condition in the air than by increasing the ventilation, and in winter the capacity of the heating apparatus.

ADMINISTRATION.

Twenty-seven persons are employed in the day service, and five in the evening and Sunday service. In addition to these employes are the janitor and night watchman.

FINDING LIST.

Part I. of the sixth edition of the finding list was issued in April. The two parts include the titles of about 102,000 volumes. The issue is a complete revision of the previous edition, and includes the contents of two printed supplements, and the titles of all the books received up to the time when the last proofs of the sheets were read. Part I., of 383 octavo pages, contains the titles of books in the English language, the classical languages, and of such books in the modern Continental languages as treat specific subjects, they being arranged with the titles of English books upon the same subject. Part II. (which is not yet issued) will contain the titles of books in the modern Continental languages, arranged alphabetically by authors, under each of these languages. Titles which have appeared under subjects in Part I. are repeated in Part II. under the heading of their own languages. Part I. is sold for thirty-five cents, and Part II. will be sold for fifteen cents, or both in one volume for fifty cents. The general plan and arrangement of the new edition is similar to that of the previous issue, except that more minute subdivisions have been made in the classification, and the index of topics is fuller.

As the Library increases in size, our complete card-catalogue becomes more and more useful. It requires no revision, no re-arrangement, no supplements; but is always a

full inventory of the contents of the Library to the latest book received. The printed finding list furnishes a cheap and compendious substitute for the full catalogue which readers can take to their homes. It seems to meet the popular demand for a printed catalogue; and, as it is inexpensive, it can be frequently revised, and a new edition issued which shall include the recent publications. Readers who need more information than is given in the finding list, can have the use of the card-catalogue by applying to the attendants in the Reference Department.

BINDING.

The number of books sent to the binders was 7,010. The number repaired by the Library attendants was 2,865; and the number put into Emerson binders was 141. The amount expended for binding was \$3,335.61.

ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

The annual examination this year was conducted in the usual manner, without calling in the books or interrupting the circulation. The books on the shelves were carefully compared with the shelf lists, and a record made of every book not in its place. As this examination was made at the time of year when the circulation was largest, the number of books then put was about fifteen thousand. These missing books must then be found or accounted for. The work began early in March, and has been continued to the present time. As I have already intimated, the number of books unaccounted for at the present time is too large, it being 775, of which 127 are English prose fiction and juvenile books, 153 in European languages—96 of which are German, and 399 in all other classes. Of the 383 books reported missing last year 104 have since been found. Of the books missing this year 55 have disappeared from the reading room, nearly all German books, the applicants leaving behind them slips, on which they obtained the books,

signed with fictitious names and residences, so that the parties could not be traced. The whole number of books taken from the reading room on fraudulent signatures was 111, of which 56 were secretly returned. I am confident that some books have been stolen from the reference tables, and hence have recommended a change in the administration of that department. A considerable portion of the books now unaccounted for will reappear; but the above record is one we cannot be proud of. It appears that the slip system, with the signature of the applicant, is not a full security. To require a registration and certificate of guaranty of all persons who use books in the reading room and at the reference tables, would be a great inconvenience to many worthy persons who have occasion to use books in the Library, and would debar many from using the Library altogether. The attendants cannot be expected to know the name, habitat, and responsibility of one in a hundred of the four thousand persons who daily visit the Library. I respectfully commend this subject to the deliberate consideration of the Board, and suggest that the time of making the annual examination be changed from the busiest season of the year to the summer months, when the fewest books are out and more time can be given to the work.

THE LIBRARY AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The scheme of which I spoke somewhat at length in my last report, of receiving at the Library classes from the High Schools and Grammar Schools, with their teachers, and with the aid of their teachers giving the pupils instruction in the use of books, and a familiar lecture on some special subject selected by the teacher, with the books in the Library relating to the subject before the class, has been continued during the year. Twenty-seven of these exercises have been held, and quite as much interest in them was expressed by the teachers and pupils as last year. Two classes from the North Division High School have visited the Library, three

from the South Division High School, and three from the West Division High School. Of the Grammar Schools two classes have come from each of the following: Cottage Grove, Douglas, Foster, Sheridan, and Skinner schools, and one class from each of the following: Burr, Franklin, Marquette, Newberry, Throop, Walsh, and Wicker-Park schools. Two private schools have also been received. I have been especially desirous that all the Grammar Schools should participate in these exercises, and have invited all the Principals to bring their higher grades to the Library when they find it convenient. Many of the Principals have not brought their classes who have promised to do so. The full success of the experiment now depends upon the co-operation which the Principals of the schools give to the Library management in developing the scheme to larger practical results. The Grammar School classes have usually found it convenient to come at 2 o'clock on some other day than Saturday, and to give the afternoon to the exercise and to the examination of the books laid before them. The High School classes have usually come on Saturday morning.

The Principals of the following Grammar Schools have drawn books from the Library under the joint rules adopted by the Library Board and Board of Education, by which requisition may be made on the Library for books needed in the instruction of the classes, namely: Cottage Grove, Marquette, Skinner, Walsh, Vedder, and West Jackson. The books have been carefully used and promptly returned. The teachers report that the privilege is highly appreciated, and that the books have added greatly to the interest of the pupils in their studies.

Respectfully submitted,

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Librarian.

APPENDIX A.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FROM 1875 TO 1884.

	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.
Books in the Library.....	39,236	49,024	51,409	57,984	60,423	67,772	77,140	87,272	94,606	106,341
Total Accessions.....	21,053	10,251	3,399	7,876	4,287	8,440	11,920	11,038	9,416	12,973
Purchased.....	20,122	8,056	2,441	6,544	3,010	7,799	9,814	9,691	8,065	11,799
Donated.....	969	2,195	958	1,332	1,277	641	2,106	1,347	1,351	1,173
Expended for.....	\$28,410 63	\$10,784 19	\$2,504 17	\$9,078 06	\$2,907 24	\$7,404 52	\$10,843 72	\$10,052 62	\$10,814 52	\$12,995 86
Worn out.....	38	463	1,015	1,301	1,848	1,137	2,502	906	2,082	1,237
Unaccounted for.....	322	421	286	186	210	160	281	297	385	775
Pauphlets, Accession of.....	1,944	354	282	419	1,037	487	848	2,133	1,442	604
Registration of Book Borrowers.....	20,710	9,843	6,932	11,831	9,130	9,505	10,905	10,241	11,174	12,609
Circulation of Books.....	399,156	405,747	398,090	354,506	368,428	306,751	352,801	349,977	376,475	429,313
Daily Average.....	1,313	1,366	1,301	1,166	1,203	1,002	1,161	1,144	1,259	1,404
Largest issue, one day.....	2,539	2,631	2,501	3,309	2,339	2,176	2,421	2,358	2,654	3,317
Smallest issue, one day.....	329	698	732	572	662	613	626	676	637	694
Received for Fines.....	\$2,648 72	\$2,831 44	\$2,710 64	\$1,959 57	\$1,882 70	\$1,775 72	\$2,064 35	\$2,169 18	\$2,220 26	\$2,954 32
Reading Room, Periodicals on File.....	288	285	220	210	228	221	241	252	265	284
Newspapers on File.....	80	104	91	98	118	128	120	124	123	141
Visitors.....	236,021	228,795	199,760	181,052	186,588	189,536	302,796	366,118	543,456	603,302
Periodicals Issued.....	135,355	138,934	127,423	115,275	119,547	124,597	184,617	199,471	263,649	285,422
Sunday Readers, A.V.....	560	360	296	280	290	297	688	1,090	1,587	1,705
Cost of Serials.....	\$1,914 94	\$2,300 55	\$1,495 14	\$1,277 28	\$1,635 52	\$1,705 54	\$1,677 66	\$1,394 34	\$2,158 28	\$1,797 72
Reference Department Visitors.....	.....	5,528	8,375	16,916	20,214	23,105	32,340	38,484	42,734	59,696
Issues.....	.....	18,283	15,790	37,498	63,691	68,115	97,564	117,074	134,408	175,360
Binding, Cost of.....	\$ 1,991 80	\$ 4,356 57	\$ 2,993 25	\$ 2,723 55	\$ 3,984 08	\$ 2,167 01	\$ 3,364 65	\$ 3,843 32	\$ 2,814 47	\$ 3,335 61
Am't paid for Salaries.....	15,545 00	14,705 20	11,973 47	13,274 90	13,571 00	14,559 00	17,688 35	20,853 92	22,486 58	25,159 43

APPENDIX B.

LIST OF DONORS.

	Vols.	Pamp.
Adams, Charles Francis, Jr., Boston	1	..
Aldrich, Hon. William	6	..
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass	2	5
American Congregational Association, Boston	1	1
American Dental Association	1	..
American Institute of Mining Engineers	1	..
American New Church Tract and Publication Society ..	1	1
American Seamen's Friend Society	2	2
American Unitarian Association	1	1
Ames Free Library, North Easton, Mass	2	..
Amherst College	1	1
Andover Theological Seminary	2	2
Andrews, Dr. Edmund	1	1
Anglim, James & Co., Washington, D. C.	1	..
Baker, Wm. E. S., Philadelphia	1	..
Baltimore Peabody Institute	1	1
Barrow-in-Furness, Public Library	1	1
Barrows, Samuel J., Boston	1	..
Beloit College	1	1
Benedict, George Grenville, Montpelier, Vt ..	1	1
Bigelow Public Library, Clinton, Mass	1	1
Billings, Dr. John S., Washington	1	1
Birmingham (Eng.) Public Libraries	2	2
Birney, Gen. William, Washington, D. C.	1	1
Bolton, Charles E., Cleveland, O	3	..
Bonney, Charles C	1	2
Boston, City of	3	..
Boston, City Hospital	1	1
Boston, Children's Hospital	1	1
Boston, Foreign Exhibition Association ..	1	1
Boston, Public Library	6	6
Boston, Society for Medical Improvements ..	1	..
Boston University	1	1
Boutwell, Francis M., Groton, Mass	1	1
Bradlee, C. D., Boston	1	1
Bradt, Schneyler B.	18	19

	Vols.	Pamp.
Bridge, Dr. Norman.....	1	
Brooke-Rawle, William, Philadelphia.....	1	
Brookline (Mass.) Public Library.....	1	
Brooklyn (N. Y.) Library.....	4	
Brown, Edwin Lee.....	3	
Brown, Walter Lee.....	1	
Brown & Holland Shorthand News Co.....	1	
Buffalo Historical Society.....	1	
Buffalo, Young Men's Christian Association.....	1	
Bull, Sophia.....	1	
Bunker Hill Monument Association.....	1	
Burke, Sara.....	1	
Burnham, Sherburne Wesley.....	1	
Bush, Isidor, Bushberg, Mo.....	1	
Butler, Benjamin M.....	1	
California, University of.....	1	6
Canada, Minister of Public Works.....	2	
Chicago, City of.....	1	
Chicago, Astronomical Society.....	1	
Chicago, Board of Education.....	2	
Chicago, Board of Trade.....	7	
Chicago, House of Correction.....	1	
Chicago, South Park Commissioners.....	10	
Chicago, Inter-State Industrial Exhibition.....	1	
Chicago, St. Ignatius' College.....	1	
Chicago Theological Seminary.....	1	
Chicago, United Hebrew Relief Association.....	2	
Chicago, Young Men's Christian Association.....	1	
Chicago and Alton Railroad.....	2	
Chicago Legal News.....	1	
Chicago Medical Society.....	262	24
Cincinnati, Board of Education.....	1	
Cincinnati, Chickering Classical Institute.....	1	
Cincinnati, Public Library.....	4	
Cincinnati, Young Men's Mercantile Library Association.....	1	
Clarke, Mrs. George R.....	63	
Cleveland, H. W. S.....	1	
Cleveland (O.) Public Library.....	1	2
Clevenger, Dr. S. V.....	12	
Clutz, J. A., Baltimore.....	1	
Cobden Club, London.....	1	
Coldwater (Mich.) Public Library.....	1	
Collins, Olive.....	14	
Columbia College Library, New York.....	1	
Commandery of Illinois, Loyal Legion.....	1	
Cooley, Thomas L., Detroit.....	4	

	Vols.	Pamp.
Council Bluffs Public Library	1	1
Cowdrey, Robert H.	2	17
Cullom, Hon. Shelby M., U. S. S.	4	..
Cumming & Brinkerhoff, New York	1	..
Curtis, William E.	3	..
Danvers (Mass.) Peabody Institute	1	1
Danville (Ill.) Public Library	1	1
Dardenne, Edmond, Paris	1	..
Davenport, B. M.	9	..
Davis, Hon. George R.	2	8
Dayton (O.) Public Library	1	..
De Dernardy Bros., London	1	..
De Costa, Benjamin F., New York	1	1
De Medici, C.	2	2
Detroit, City of	1	1
Dexter, Wirt	67	5
Dixwell, George B., Boston	1	..
Doggett, George Newell	3	..
Donnelley, Richard R.	2	..
Dresden, Royal Library	1	1
Dundee, Scotland, Public Library	1	1
Dunham, Hon. Ransom W.	1	..
Edison Electric Light Co.	4	4
Edmands, John, Philadelphia.	1	1
Ellis, Dr. John, New York	1	..
Engler, Edmund A.	2	2
Farmer, E. J., Cleveland, O.	1	..
Fayette, Upper Iowa University	1	1
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.	1	1
Ford, Charles H., Kirksville, Mo.	2	3
Francis, George	1	..
Furniwall, Frederick J., London	1	..
Garnett, R., London	1	1
Garrison, H. D.	1	1
Geiger, J. J.	1	..
Germantown, Pa., Friends' Free Library	1	1
Girard College, Philadelphia	1	1
Glasgow, Scotland, Mitchell Library	1	1
Glasgow, Scotland, Stirling's and Glasgow Public Library	2	2
Gloversville and Kingsboro, N. Y., Levy Parson's Library	2	2
Goodell, Abner Cheney, Jr.	3	3
Goodwin, Daniel, Jr.	1	..
Great Britain, Commissioners of Patents	75	..
Green, Dr. Samuel A., Boston	1	1
Green, Samuel S., Worcester Mass.	2	2
Grey, Henry, London.	1	..

	Vols.	Pamp.
Guthrie, Malcolm, Liverpool, England	1	..
Hallowell, J. K., Denver, Col. ....	..	2
Harvard University	2	3
Hawthurst, Arthur	89	..
Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland.....	2	..
Hild, Fred. H. ....	..	2
Holden, Prof. Edward S., Madison, Wis.....	..	1
Homes, Dr. Henry A., Albany .....	..	1
Hooper, F. H., Boston .....	..	1
Hoyne, Mrs. Catherine Ellen.....	1	..
Hoyt Public Library, East Saginaw, Mich. ....	..	1
Humphrey, Dr. Simon J	14	1
Huntington, Dr. W. R., Worcester, Mass	1	..
Hyde, Dr. James Nevine.....	..	1
Illinois Department of State.....	26	..
Illinois State Dental Society	1	..
Illinois State Horticultural Society	1	..
Illinois State Laboratory .....	..	2
Illinois Central Railroad Passenger Department.....	1	..
India, Viceroy of	1	..
Indian Rights Association .....	..	1
Indianapolis Public Library .....	..	1
Iowa State Library	1	1
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore .....	..	4
Jones, William P.	4	..
Kansas City Board of Education.	1	..
Kansas State Historical Society.....	..	1
Kansas State Library	2	..
King, John Lyle.....	..	2
Kinsley, William W., Washington.....	1	..
Krause, F. W.....	28	..
Lancaster, Mass., Public Library.....	..	1
Land, John E.....	1	..
Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass .....	..	1
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library .....	..	1
Leeds, Josiah W., Philadelphia.....	1	..
Leeds, England, Public Library.....	..	1
Leicester, Mass., Public Library .....	..	1
Leominster, Mass., Public Library .....	..	1
Lisbon Royal Academy.....	..	5
Little Rock, Ark., University.....	..	2
Liverpool, England, Free Public Libraries .....	..	1
Liverpool, England, Literary and Scientific Society	3	..
Loewenstein, L. J., New Orleans.....	..	1
Logan, Hon. John A.....	5	..
Long Island Historical Society.....	..	1

	Vols.	Pamp.
Lord, William S.	1	..
Louisville Exposition, Art Committee	1	..
Lowell, Mass., City Library	1	..
Lynn, Mass., Public Library	1	..
Malden, Mass., Public Library	1	..
Manchester, England, Free Public Libraries.	1	..
Manchester, N. H., Public Library	1	..
Martindale, J. B.	1	..
Mason, Edward G.	36	..
Massachusetts State Department	12	..
Massachusetts Medical Society	1	..
May, George Lhomas, New York	1	..
Melrose, Mass., Public Library	1	..
Mexican Legation, Washington	17	..
Michigan State Library	15	14
Michigan State Pioneer Society	1	..
Michigan University	1	..
Michigan Central Railroad, Gen'l Passenger Department.	1	..
Milford, Mass., Town of	1	..
Minneapolis Public School Library	1	..
Minneapolis Society of Fine Arts	1	..
Minnesota Historical Society	1	..
Moore, H. H., San Francisco	2	..
Morris, Robert	3	..
National Conference of Unitarian Churches	1	..
National Railway Publication Company	1	..
Nebraska State Library	1	..
New Jersey State Library	3	..
New York City, Astor Library	2	..
New York City, Apprentices' Library	1	..
New York City, General Society of Mechanics	1	..
New York City, Mercantile Library Association	2	..
New York City, Meteorological Observatory	6	..
New York City, Produce Exchange	1	..
New York City, Young Men's Christian Association	1	1
New York and Brooklyn Bridge, Trustees of	1	..
New York State, Board of Education	4	..
New York State, Law Library	1	..
Newburyport, Mass., Public Library	1	..
Newton, Mass., Public Library	1	..
Nott, Gordon H.	1	..
Oakland, Cal., Board of Education	1	..
Oberlin, O., College	1	..
Ohio Mechanics Institute, Cincinnati	1	..
Ohio, State Library	14	5
Omaha, Board of Trade	1	..

	Vols.	Pamp.
Paris, National Library	1	..
Patterson, Robert W., Jr.	2	..
Peabody, Mass., Institute .....	..	1
Peabody Education Fund, Trustees of	2	..
Peoria, Ill., Board of Trade .....	..	1
Perkins, Fred. B., San Francisco .....	..	1
Pettogrew, Wm. S.	26	13
Philadelphia, Commissioners of Public Buildings	2	..
Philadelphia, Library Company	2	..
Philadelphia, Mercantile Library Company	2	..
Philadelphia, Numismatic Society .....	..	1
Phillips, Henry, Jr., Philadelphia	1	1
Pitzer, George C., St. Louis	1	..
Plymouth, England, Free Public Library .....	..	1
Polytechnic Society of Kentucky .....	..	1
Poole, Wm. Frederick	2	7
Pope, Albert A.	1	..
Portland, Oregon, Public Library .....	..	1
Probas, Henry, Cincinnati .....	..	1
Providence, R. I., Athenæum .....	..	1
Providence, R. I., Public Library	2	1
Publishers of the New York Independent .....	..	1
Quaritch, Bernard, London	1	..
Raikes, Capt. G. A., London	3	..
Reyer, Ed., Vienna	1	..
Rochdale, England, Public Library .....	..	1
Rochester University .....	..	1
Rosenthal, Julius	8	..
Rothesham, England, Free Public Library .....	..	1
Royal Institution of Great Britain, London	1	..
Royal Scottish Society of Arts, Edinburgh .....	..	1
Sacramento, Cal., Public Library	1	..
St. Helens, England, Public Library .....	..	1
St. Louis High School .....	..	1
St. Louis Public School Library .....	..	2
St. Louis Mercantile Library Association .....	..	1
San Francisco Mercantile Library .....	..	1
San Francisco Public Library .....	..	1
Sawyer, S. J., Milwaukee	2	..
Schlick, Ernest	1	..
Sheffield, England, Free Public Libraries .....	..	1
Smithsonian Institution	8	..
Somerville, Mass., Public Library .....	..	1
Stearns, George T., Boston .....	..	1
Stearns, R. E. C., Berkeley, Cal. ....	..	1
Stevens, F. B., London	2	..

	Vols.	Pamp.
Stockham, Mrs. Alice B.	1	..
Stockton, Cal., Public Library.....	1	1
Strehz, Th.....	1	1
Swansea, England, Public Library	1	1
Thacher, John M.....	1	..
Thomas, G. W.....	12	..
Thompson, Charles O., Terre Haute, Ind.....	1	1
Thompson, Leonard, Woburn, Mass.....	1	1
Thompson, Thomas O.....	1	1
Thompson, William P., Liverpool.....	1	..
Times Office, Chicago	161	..
Toledo, O., Public Library	2	..
Townsend, F. B.....	13	..
Trinity College.....	1	1
Tufts College	1	1
United States Bureau of Education.....	1	5
United States Bureau of Statistics	5	..
United States Chief of Ordnance	1	..
United States Coast Survey	2	..
United States Commissioner of Patents	24	..
United States Corps of Engineers.....	1	1
United States Department of Agriculture.....	1	1
United States Department of the Interior	67	..
United States Department of State	4	2
United States Department of State Library	16	..
United States Library of Congress.....	1	..
United States Life Saving Service.....	1	..
United States Marine Hospital Service	1	..
United States Naval Institute.....	1	1
United States Naval Observatory	1	..
United States Signal Service.....	1	..
United States Surgeon General's Library.....	1	1
United States War Department Library.....	1	1
Vassar College	1	1
Vermont State Library	8	6
Vermont University	1	1
Victoria, Australia, Public Library.....	1	1
Virginia, University of.....	3	..
Vorsterman van Oyen, A. A., The Hague.....	1	..
Waller, James B.....	1	1
Washington County Pioneer Association	1	1
Waterhouse, S., St. Louis	5	..
Watertown, Mass., Public Library	1	1
Watson, Leonard.....	1	..
Webster, Dr. John C.....	1	..
Wednesbury, England, Public Library.....	1	1

	Vols.	Pamp.
Wells, William H.	25	..
Wendté, Charles W. ....	..	1
Western Reserve Historical Society	1	1
Wilder, R. C., Princeton, N. J.	1	..
Willard, Samuel.	21	17
Williams, Edward F. ....	..	1
Wisconsin State Historical Society .....	..	2
Woburn, Mass., Public Library, .....	..	2
Wolzak, J. H.	5	..
Worcester, Mass., Public Library	1	2
Yale College .....	..	4
Zaremba, Charles W.	1	..
Zdrubek, Frank B.	10	..

APPENDIX C.

SERIALS DONATED.

American.

American Stationer.
Argus.
Canada Patent Office Record.
Chicago Legal News.
Chicago Proceedings of Council.
Civil Service Record.
Congressional Record.
Dial.
Druggists' Circular.
Farmer's Review.
Folio.
Friend.
Hardware Reporter.
Home Visitor.
Indicator.
Legal Adviser.
Lithographer.
Lumber Trade Journal.
Manifesto.
Miller's Journal.
Mining Record.
Mining Review.
Missionary Review.
Missionary Herald.
National Live Stock Journal.
New Jerusalem Messenger.
Official Gazette.
Phonographic Monthly.
Practical Phonographer.
Pharmacist and Chemist.
Scandinavia.
Shorthand News.
Stationer and Printer.
Unitarian Review.
Unity.

Western Agriculturist.
Western Manufacturer.

Medical Publications.

AMERICAN.

The following publications are the gift of the Chicago Medical Society:
American Journal of Obstetrics.
American Journal of Medical Science
Boston Medical and Surgical Journal
Journal of American Medical Association.
Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease.
Medical Review.
Medical Record.
Practitioner.

BRITISH.

Lancet.
Medical Times.

British Publications.

Brewer's Guardian.
Homœopathic Review.
Investor's Monthly Manual.
Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society.
Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society.
Textile Recorder.
Weekly Register.

Daily Newspapers.

Boston, Herald.
Chicago, Arbeiter-Zeitung.
Inter Ocean.

Chicago, Morning Herald.
 Skandinavien.
 Staats Zeitung (2 copies).
 Svornost.
 Telegram.
 Weather Bulletin.
 Jersey City, Evening Journal.
 New Orleans, Times.
 New York, Delnik Ameriky.

Weekly Newspapers.

Battle Creek (Mich.), Advent Review.
 Boston, Christian Register.
 World's Crisis.
 Caldwell, Tribune.
 Chicago, Afholdsbladet.
 Beobachter
 Chicago-Bladet.
 Christelige Talsmand.
 Citizen.
 Demokrat.
 Express.
 Familiekredsen.
 Folkevenuen.
 Folkets Avis.
 Gamla och Nya Hemlandet.
 Illustreret Ugeblad.
 Industrial World.
 Israelitische Presse.
 Journal of Commerce.
 Lever.
 Missions-Wannen.
 Music and Drama.
 Nederlander.
 Norden.
 Nye Fid.
 Occident.
 Oesterreichisch-Am. Zeitung.
 Progressive Age.

Chicago, Saturday Herald.
 Standard
 Svenska Amerikanaren.
 Svenska Tribunen.
 Verdens Gang.
 Verbote.
 Vort Land.
 Weltbürger.
 Western Catholic.
 Cleveland, Dennice Novověku.
 DeLand, Florida Agriculturist.
 Detroit, Free Press.
 Michigan Catholic.
 Fargo, Republican.
 Fort Madison, Democrat.
 Hope, Pioneer.
 Kankakee, Courier de l' Illinois.
 New York, Irish World.
 Paper Trade Journal.
 Sabbath Recorder
 Oakland (Cal.), Signs of the Times.
 Ontario (Cal.), Fruit Grower
 Palatka (Fla.), Putnam Co. Journal.
 Portland (Ore.) Northwestern
 Farmer and Dairyman.
 Port Emma Dak Emma Times.
 Sanford Fla.), Journal.
 San Francisco, Woman's Herald of
 Industry.
 Seattle (W. T.), Die Tribüne.
 South Chicago, Weekly Tribune.
 Trinidad (Col.), Review.
 Washington (D. C.), Sentinel.

Foreign Newspapers.

BOHEMIAN.

Pisku, Otavan.
 Pribrami, Horimir.
 Tabore, Gesky Iih.

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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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CHICAGO:
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1885.

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1885.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS. 1884-1885.

HARRY RUBENS, <i>President</i> ,	Term Expires	1885
BERNARD CALLAGHAN,	" "	1886
JOHN W. ENRIGHT,	" "	1885
WILLIAM J. HYNES,	" "	1887
LAWRENCE W. KADLEC,	" "	1886
THOMAS C. MAC MILLAN,	" "	1887
ADOLPH MOSES,	" "	1885
HENRY W. ROGERS,	" "	1886
ARTHUR SWAZEY,	" "	1887
*WILLIAM H. WELLS,	" "	1887

STANDING COMMITTEES. 1884-1885.

Library and Reading Room : Messrs. CALLAGHAN, MOSES and SWAZEY.

Administration : Messrs. KADLEC, MACMILLAN and ENRIGHT.

Buildings and Grounds : Messrs. MOSES, MACMILLAN and ROGERS.

Finance : Messrs. ROGERS, HYNES and SWAZEY.

By-Laws and Regulations : Messrs. HYNES, CALLAGHAN and ENRIGHT.

Delivery Stations : Messrs. ENRIGHT, MOSES and KADLEC.

Future Library Building : Messrs. HYNES, MACMILLAN, CALLAGHAN, MOSES and KADLEC.

* Deceased, January 21, 1885.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

Librarian : WILLIAM F. POOLE.

Assistant Librarians :

W. B. WICKERSHAM, Mrs. L. E. VOELLMY,
FRED. H. HILD.

Library Assistants :

W. E. DEIBLER,	LIZZIE A. BARROW,
C. WACHTMEISTER,	OTILIE GOLDBERGER,
JOHN R. PATTERSON,	MAY WATERMAN,
W. A. PURER,	MAY BOSTETTER,
ELIZABETH A. YOUNG,	SOPHIE WARHANIK,
KATE M. HENNEBERRY,	JOHN F. WHELAN,
ELIZA KEON,	JOHN P. FITZPATRICK,
LILYAN MORAWSKI,	R. ARENTZ,
EMILY S. ROOKS,	CHARLES LHOTKA,
CARRIE L. ELLIOTT,	JAMES KELLY,
MAGGIE KEARNEY,	OTTO GOLDBERGER,
ANNA FITZGERALD,	FRANK WASKA.

Evening Attendants :

A. E. NICKERSON, <i>Supt.</i>	W. L. BURGESS,
CHAS. W. EVANS,	JOHN STEISKAL,
ED. L. DWORAK,	MAX C. STOCK,
E. J. OHRENSTEIN,	JOHN TAUCHEN,
JAMES F. CLARKSON.	

Janitor : N. S. PURVIANCE.

Night Watchman : W. A. SMITH.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen:—In compliance with the provisions of the law, requiring an annual report of the condition of the Public Library, the Board of Directors hereby submit their thirteenth report.

The reports of the Secretary and Librarian transmitted herewith contain a statement in detail of the condition of our trust, and complete statistics of the patronage of the Library and its various departments.

The total sum received from the Library Fund during the year ending May 31st, 1885, was \$54,330.72, which has been expended as follows:

Salaries.....	\$28,620 77
Books.....	6,899 14
Binding.....	3,618 02
Rent	4,000 00
Newspapers and Periodicals.....	1,941 93
Lighting.....	1,494 20
Insurance	1,410 00
Printing and Stationery.....	850 43
Delivery Stations.....	2,059 06
Heating.....	417 30
Furniture and Fixtures.....	274 50
Freight and Express.....	161 75

Postage.....	\$223 10
Incidental Expenses.....	1,430 24
Finding Lists.....	930 28
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	\$54,330 72

The number of books on our shelves has been increased during the year by 5,280 volumes, making the total number of books in the Library, 111,621.

The Library still occupies the same cramped, inaccessible, and unsafe quarters which we have so long desired to abandon, and which have had to be rented again and again for want of a proper permanent structure. For years the Board has expressed the fervid hope that Congress would dedicate the almost only suitable grounds for the erection of a permanent Library edifice—Dearborn Park; but despite all the efforts made by our Senators and Representatives, despite the favorable action of Committees of Congress, despite the interest taken by prominent men and the press, despite even the eloquence of our Librarian whenever the subject of Dearborn Park is discussed by him either in his reports or in the committee room of the Capitol at Washington, we are still almost as far distant from a realization of these hopes as we were years ago.

But while we cannot point to progress in the direction of a large and centrally located Library building, we are still enabled to point to an important improvement in the library facilities offered to the people of Chicago. During the past year four delivery stations have been established in different parts of the city, in addition to the two stations established last year. More than 65,000 books were issued from these stations, and as the issues from the central Library have increased at the usual ratio, it is plain that 65,000 useful books have been read which would have slumbered upon the shelves had it not been for the establishment of these stations. Who can calculate the immense benefit derived

from the study of these 65,000 volumes? How many noble ambitions have been kindled, how much practical knowledge imparted, how much dissipation prevented, can never be accurately ascertained. But one fact is beyond doubt; these volumes have done immeasurably more good in the hands of the people than they would have done on the shelves of the Library. The main object of a free public Library is to supply valuable literature to the poor; to the busy laborer and mechanic and their families; to the hard worked men and women who toil from sunrise to evening, and who have no time to draw books from the central Library. The rich can afford to buy all the books they may desire; but if our book treasures are to be a blessing for the poor, they must be made accessible to them. This great object, the establishment of delivery stations, and finally of branch libraries, is alone able to accomplish fully, and their increase is therefore of imperative necessity if the Library, supported by the taxes of the whole people, is to benefit all alike, not only the favored few, but the great masses of our population.

During the last year the Board of Directors labored earnestly to perfect the discipline of the Library service. These efforts were largely stimulated by the discovery of the loss of a great many books caused by the madness of a bibliomaniac; and of small defalcations committed by one of the employés. The government of the Public Library is by law entrusted to the Board of Directors and not to the employés; and it is not enough that the Board should meet at stated intervals simply to ratify the acts of these employés, apparently always regular. The Library assistants have been held to a stricter accountability, their work has been more carefully scrutinized, and in that way several important reforms of the working machinery of the Library have been instituted.

The Public Library is steadily gaining in importance

through its increase in books as well as through the increase in the use of these books. Its value as an educational factor is beyond question. It should, therefore, receive the most cordial support and assistance on the part of your honorable body.

Respectfully,

HARRY RUBENS, *President*,
BERNARD CALLAGHAN,
LAWRENCE W. KADLEC,
WILLIAM J. HYNES,
THOMAS C. MAC MILLAN,
ADOLPH MOSES,
JOHN W. ENRIGHT,
HENRY W. ROGERS,
ARTHUR SWAZEY,

} *Directors.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, }
CHICAGO, JUNE 8, 1885. }

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC
LIBRARY :

Gentlemen—As required by the seventh section of the Act of the General Assembly, under which the Library is established, I herewith submit the following financial and statistical statements for the year ended May 31, 1885:

ACCOUNT WITH THE CONTROLLER.

RECEIPTS.

From City Controller on Vouchers
issued by the Library Board.....\$ 54,330 72

EXPENDITURES.

For Salaries.....	\$28,620 77
Books....	6,899 14
Binding.....	3,618 02
Rent	4,000 00
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Lighting—seventeen months...	1,494 20
Insurance	1,410 00
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Furniture and Fixtures.....	274 50
Freight and Expressage.....	161 75
Postage.....	223 10
Incidental Expenses.....	1,430 24
Finding Lists.....	930 28

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CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand June 1, 1884.....	\$ 916 91
From Fines	3,088 00
Finding Lists.....	684 25
Security Deposits.....	817 75
Books Lost.....	208 95
Old Paper.....	20 65
Duplicates.....	116 66
City Controller.....	1,123 14
Miscellaneous	50 00
Freight Refunded.....	4 65

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to City Controller amount received for Fines, Finding Lists, Old Paper, Duplicates and Misce.....	3,959 56
For Security Deposits Refunded....	826 75
Books Lost and Replaced.....	231 98
Newspapers and Periodicals....	31 66
Printing and Stationery.....	39 95
Freight and Expressage.....	161 75
Postage.....	223 10
Heating.....	19 80
Incidental Expenses.....	713 48
Binding.....	2 82
Balance on hand June 1, 1885....	820 11

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Number of Books in the Library June 1, 1885....	111,621
" " purchased, year ended May 31, '85	5,695
" " donated, " " " "	1,144
" " unaccounted for " " "	362

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
County of Cook. } ss.

I, W. B. WICKERSHAM, Secretary of the
Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library, do sol-

emply affirm that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

Affirmed to and subscribed before me, this 11th day of June, A. D., 1885.

W. E. DEIBLER,
Notary Public.

[SEAL.]

THE LIBRARY FUND.

To the credit of this Fund June 1, 1885.

Fund of 1877.....	\$ 2,799 75	
Fund of 1878.....	7,896 94	
Fund of 1879.....	12,837 75	
	<hr/>	\$ 23,534 44
Fund of 1884.....		49,585 02

Fund of 1885:

Appropriation March 27, 1885	\$ 68,663 00
Misc. receipts, Jan. 1, to May 31, '85.....	1,940 63

\$ 70,603 63

Expended Jan. 1 to May 31, '85.	22,342 85	
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Total to the credit of the Library

Fund June 1, 1885.....	\$ 121,380 24
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Respectfully submitted,

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

CHICAGO, June 13, 1885.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit herewith my twelfth annual report on the condition and statistics of the Public Library for the official year ended May 31, 1885.

Another annual report finds us with the problem of escaping from these contracted, inaccessible and unsafe quarters still unsolved. A year ago the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives at Washington reported a bill assigning Dearborn Park for the permanent home of this library, and the erection thereon of a suitable fire-proof building; but the bill was not reached when the last Congress adjourned.

Under these cramped and disadvantageous conditions, the Library and its work have made substantial progress during the past year. There have been added to the Library by purchase and gift 6,836 volumes, and the number would have been larger if we had the space to set up more book cases. The number of books taken out for home use increased from the daily average of 1,404 to 1,704. Six delivery stations have been established in different parts of the city, from which 65,271 volumes have been issued. The issues of the main Library, instead of falling off in consequence of the work of the Delivery Stations, was 25,107 more than any previous year. The number of book-borrowers has increased 2,123, the present number being 25,906. The number of visitors to the reading-room has increased 19,043. In the reference department there has been a small falling off from the extraordinary increase

which was reported a year ago. The result was owing in part to the more stringent rules which have been adopted for the use of reference books, and also to the crowded condition of the reference tables, and the limited space which can be devoted to them. Compared, however, with the statistics of 1883, there was an increase in the number of visitors to the reference department of 35 per cent.; in the number of books used of 8.4 per cent.; and in the visitors to the patent publications of 33 per cent. The medical reference books and the patent publications have been assigned to a separate room, under charge of an attendant; and the convenience of the persons consulting these volumes has been greatly increased.

The statistics which follow are given in the form of my previous reports. A compendious statement of the statistics of the Library for the past ten years will be found in Appendix "A."

BOOKS.

The present number of books in the Library is 111,621. The number reported last year was 106,341. The number entered in the accession catalogue was 6,836, of which 5,692 were bought, and 1,144 given. A thousand volumes of German books, ordered several months ago, have not arrived in season to be included in this report. They will be received during the present month. The number of volumes worn out and condemned was 698, of which 408 were in English prose fiction, 209 juvenile books, 45 in German literature and 36 in eleven other classes. Of pamphlets, 50 have been bought, and 3,151 given; a total accession of 3,201 pamphlets. The amount expended for books was \$6,899.14.

The following table gives the number of volumes in the Library, arranged in thirty classes, and the number added to each class during the year:

	Total Acces- sions of the year.	Total No. of volumes in Library.
History	390	7,104
Biography	279	4,554
Travels	309	4,372
Poetry and Drama	175	2,549
Essays and Miscellanies	105	2,078
Polygraphy and Collected Works	31	2,095
Fine Arts	154	1,290
Natural Sciences	142	3,089
Practical Arts (including Patents)	354	6,619
Political and Social Science	181	2,352
Language and Literature	91	1,557
Mental and Moral Science	134	1,429
Ancient Classics	21	576
Religion	205	3,357
Medicine	368	1,921
Law	27	524
Periodicals and Newspapers	769	11,205
Gov't Doc's and State Papers	468	6,481
Bibliography	61	845
Dictionaries and Encyclopedias	86	1,502
English Prose Fiction	1,776	17,153
Juvenile Literature	407	4,047
German Literature	216	12,545
French Literature	58	4,059
Italian Literature	8	178
Spanish Literature	9	45
Dutch Literature . . . . .	....	1,073
Bohemian Literature	5	2,542
Polish Literature . . . . .	....	1,006
Scandinavian Literature	7	3,474
Total	6,836	111,621

BOOK BORROWERS.

The present number of book-borrowers is 25,906, an increase over the number reported last year of 8.9 per cent. These persons hold cards, each secured by the certificate

of a guarantor, which entitle them for a period of two years to draw books from the Library for home use. Each card is taken up and canceled at the expiration of two years from the date of its issue, but may be renewed by a new registration on a new certificate of guaranty. The number of cards issued during the year was 13,297, of which 8,515 were to males, and 4,782 to females. The number of cards issued during the previous year was 12,609, showing an increase of 5.5 per cent.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The circulating department has been open for the delivery of books 305 days during the year, and 519,691 volumes have been taken out for home use. The number reported in 1884 was 429,313, and in 1883, 376,475. The daily average circulation during the past year was 1,704, against 1,404 during the preceding year, showing an increase of 21 per cent. The largest number taken out on any one day (February 21) was 3,720, and the smallest number taken out on any one day (October 21) was 1,007. The average evening circulation was 204 against 197 reported in 1884, and 188 in 1883. The amount received for fines was three thousand and eighty-eight dollars.

The following table shows the circulation and daily averages month by month for the past two years :

1884-85.				1883-4.			
MONTH.	Days.	Circulation.	Daily Avr'ge.	MONTH.	Days.	Circulation.	Daily Avr'ge.
June.....	25	33,007	1,320	June.....	26	31,232	1,201
July.....	26	35,896	1,381	July.....	25	31,866	1,275
August.....	26	38,274	1,472	August.....	27	32,001	1,222
September.....	26	35,599	1,369	September.....	25	30,266	1,210
October.....	27	39,427	1,460	October.....	27	32,201	1,192
November.....	23	40,639	1,767	November.....	25	33,668	1,346
December.....	26	45,491	1,750	December.....	24	35,622	1,484
January.....	26	52,065	2,003	January.....	26	40,714	1,566
February.....	23	51,092	2,221	February.....	24	42,059	1,750
March.....	26	55,100	2,119	March.....	26	44,902	1,727
April.....	26	49,436	1,901	April.....	26	38,834	1,494
May.....	25	43,665	1,679	May.....	26	35,958	1,383
Total.....	305	519,691	1,704	Total.....	307	429,313	1,404

DELIVERY STATIONS.

For the accommodation of book-borrowers, and as a substitute for branch libraries, the experiment has been tried and found successful of establishing, in different parts of the city, stations for the delivery and exchange of books. Three of these stations have been put in operation in the West Division, two in the South Division, and one in the North Division. The following table shows the location, the person or persons in charge, when opened, and the number of books issued at each of the six stations now in operation :

Station.	Location.	In charge of—	Opened.	Is'ues.
I.....	154 22d street.....	P. V. Fitzpatrick.....	June 9.	17,575
II.....	479 S. Halsted street.	A. D. Langan.....	June 9.	16,555
III.....	235 Milwaukee Ave.	Berlizheimer & Stensland	July 2.	6,201
IV.....	639 W. Lake street..	Chas. Culmsee.....	Sept. 1.	11,022
V.....	264 Sedgwick street.	John M. Ruedel.....	Sept. 22	10,748
VI.....	1868 Oakwood B'd..	F. J. Kerr & Co.....	Nov. 29	3,170
Total issues.....				65,271

May 23d, the location of Station No. II was changed to 482 S, Halsted street, care of Frank Kotzum; and Station No. VI to 233 Thirty-first street, care of G. W. Duffus.

The issues of books at each of these stations, month by month, and the totals appear in the following table :

STATION.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	Totals.
I.....	576	781	907	1220	1341	1528	1908	1956	1812	1959	1906	1681	17,575
II.....	522	723	782	996	1269	1466	1778	1843	1796	1923	1832	1625	16,555
III.....	14	265	458	407	563	580	685	737	493	653	638	708	6,201
IV.....				302	698	1077	1382	1441	1414	1639	1646	1423	11,022
V.....				31	516	850	1099	1530	1413	1816	1826	1667	10,748
VI.....						6	173	441	546	661	672	671	3,170
Totals.	1112	1769	2147	2956	4387	5507	7025	7948	7474	8651	8520	7775	65,271

The Library pays for the transportation of the books, and

a small compensation to the person in charge of the station, who attends to the work in connection with his other business. The increase of the issues of each station from month to month, and in the totals, is noticeable, and shows that the scheme meets a popular demand for reading which is not likely otherwise to be supplied. The issues of books at the main Library seems not to have been effected by the issues of the delivery stations, as they have kept on steadily increasing over those of any previous year. Every class in the community makes use of the delivery stations—laboring men and women who cannot leave their work, as well as students and persons of leisure who would save a trip to the Library and the ascent of several flights of stairs. The delivery stations have been found so convenient and have become so popular, that, in view of the expense incurred in their administration, the numerous petitions of citizens to have them established in other localities are embarrassing. The question may arise whether the Board of Directors is justified in making a considerable expenditure for transporting books about the city for the convenience of readers; and whether its functions are not exhausted when it provides the books and the means for their distribution at a central locality. This question will never arise if the cost of the delivery stations is shared by those who receive their benefits. It has been found that the duties attending the charge of a station are more than compensated by the general business which the station brings to the place; and hence, in the later assignment of stations, the person in charge has asked for no pecuniary compensation. The only expense borne by the Library, in connection with these stations, is the transportation of the books. If this expense could be shared by the book-borrowers, there would be no obstacle to establishing other stations in localities where they are needed. Tickets issued at a low cost, but sufficient to pay the whole or a portion of the cost of transportation would enable those who received the special benefits of stations to share the burden of conducting them. The

expense incurred in the matter of the delivery stations during the year has been \$2,582.52.

Of the books issued through the delivery stations, a record has been kept showing the comparative use of books in different modern languages, and with these results: 87.6 per cent. of the books issued were in English; 6.7 per cent. were in German; 2.7 per cent. were in Danish, Swedish, or Norwegian; 2.1 per cent. were in Bohemian; eight-tenths of one per cent. were in French; and one-tenth of one per cent. were in other continental languages, including the Polish, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese. No station is located in the parts of the city where the people of the nationalities last named chiefly reside. A large proportion of the books issued to persons whose vernacular is a foreign tongue is in the English language; and the young people of these nationalities draw almost exclusively English books—their ambition being to become Americanized as rapidly as possible.

A private enterprise has recently been organized for the accommodation of persons who have not ready access to the Public Library or the delivery stations. It is called the "Book-Borrowers' Delivery Company," and has its office at room 6, No. 168 Randolph street. The company proposes to accommodate residents in all parts of the city, who are its subscribers, by making weekly visits to each for the delivery and exchange of library books. Special calls will also be made when requested. The charge it makes to its subscribers is five cents per week or two dollars per year. While it proposes to accommodate all classes, it claims to be mainly for the convenience of the working classes. The company has very recently gone into operation, and is furnished with the equipments for doing what it proposes. The Library has no responsibility in the management of the company.

CLASSIFICATION OF THE CIRCULATION.

The following table shows the percentage of circulation in seven classes of books for the past year and for five previous years:

	1885.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.
History and Biography.....	8.69	8.81	8.72	8.56	8.45	8.85
Voyages and Travels.....	4.49	4.23	4.17	3.98	3.51	4.13
Science and Art.....	6.79	7.12	6.92	6.75	6.40	6.27
Poetry and Drama.....	3.91	3.89	3.85	3.78	3.51	2.95
English Prose Fiction and Juveniles...	60.12	59.73	60.36	61.77	62.88	64.40
Works in Continental Languages.....	11.99	11.97	11.81	11.68	12.19	10.11
Miscellaneous.....	4.01	4.25	4.17	3.58	3.15	3.29

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The number of visitors in the reference department was 52,054; the number of volumes used, 131,778; and the number of visitors to the patent publications, 12,521.

The following table shows the statistics, month by month, with those of the preceding year :

MONTH.	1884-'85.			MONTH.	1883-'84.		
	Visitors.	Volumes.	Patents.		Visitors.	Volumes.	Patents.
June.....	4,496	13,962	1,406	June.....	4,092	12,988	1,216
July.....	4,846	12,616	1,370	July.....	4,368	11,929	1,160
August.....	4,683	12,514	1,287	August..	3,926	12,254	1,332
September..	4,230	9,750	1,028	September	3,670	11,729	1,285
October...	4,463	10,496	1,186	October..	4,560	12,948	1,280
November..	4,159	9,868	954	November	4,286	14,170	1,300
December..	4,798	11,723	1,232	December	5,652	16,737	1,742
January...	6,041	13,461	1,305	January..	5,955	17,585	1,750
February...	5,269	12,476	1,102	February..	5,976	18,032	1,758
March.....	5,142	12,922	629	March....	6,213	18,160	1,405
April.....	3,922	11,990	1,022	April.....	6,144	14,866	1,600
May.....	5,636	13,874	877	May.....	4,854	13,962	1,427
Total...	57,690	145,652	13,398	Total...	59,696	175,360	17,252

These statistics show a falling off from those of the preceding year of 3.3 per cent. in the number of visitors; 17 per cent. in the number of books used; and 23 per cent. in the visitors to the patent publications; and they show that the extraordinary increase reported last year of 39 per cent. in the visitors; 30 per cent. in the books used; and 70 per cent. in the visitors to the patents, has not been maintained. The reference tables, nevertheless, have apparently never

been so crowded as during the past year. In view of this fact, I am lead to question the accuracy of the enormous increase which was reported last year, although the statistics of the two years were kept by the same person and with the intention of being correct. The method, however, of keeping them has been changed. During the past year all orders for reference books have been made by writing on slips, and these slips have been accurately counted. The previous year's orders were made verbally, the count was kept by tally, and in case of visitors to the patents, largely by estimate. It is probable that visitors, as they are required to make their orders in writing, have not ordered books as freely as when they did it verbally. In my opinion there has been no falling off in the use of the reference department, when the work of the library in every other department has increased. We have, however, come to a limit beyond which the usefulness of the reference department cannot be further developed until we have more space for the reference tables. The impossibility of securing such additional space in these quarters is perhaps the most serious embarrassment which now attends the Library.

The removal of the United States patents to a separate apartment on the reading-room floor, where the complete sets of American, British, French, German and Canadian patents are brought together and can be quietly consulted is a great convenience to the many inventors and patent solicitors who consult them. It would accommodate a considerable number of mechanics and inventors if the patent room were open evenings, as they claim that they cannot leave their work to come to the Library during the day.

The medical reference books, which now number 1,418 volumes, are also used in this room. The best of them have recently been given by the Chicago Medical Society and leading physicians of the city, who propose by further contributions to make it a valuable reference collection. A list of the reference books has been printed in the new

supplement to the Finding List; and the Medical Society will print the list in a separate form for the use of its members.

READING ROOM.

The reading room has been open every day in the year, Sundays included. The number of visitors was 623,245; of periodicals given out 282,613; and of books issued for reading in the room, 58,091. The daily average of visitors was 1,708, and on Sundays 1,630. When every other public and office building in the city has elevators, it is a strange fact that so many persons have the courage and physical ability to climb three flights of the most toilsome and ill-constructed stairs ever devised to the fourth story, in order to get access to periodicals and newspapers. It is a fact which, if it were anything more than a temporary necessity, would be discreditable to the City of Chicago. It is a fact, also, which suggests an interesting inquiry which cannot be answered until the experiment is tried: "What *would* be the use of the reading room if it were in a location which was accessible?"

The following table shows the statistics of the reading room, month by month, for the past two years:

MONTH.	1884-'85.				MONTH.	1883-'84.			
	Visi- tors.	Periodi- cals.	Books.	Sunday Visi- tors.		Visi- tors.	Periodi- cals.	Books.	Sunday Visi- tors.
June	42,336	19,432	3,472	1,277	June	43,364	19,639	4,086	1,603
July	43,779	20,430	3,417	1,282	July	42,302	19,375	3,752	1,509
August	48,355	22,135	3,890	1,391	August ..	43,359	19,904	3,560	1,463
September	45,901	30,688	3,625	1,000	September	39,001	19,176	2,649	1,563
October	48,612	22,269	4,004	1,505	October...	44,339	20,406	3,527	1,754
November	51,901	23,836	4,237	1,839	November	50,087	24,928	4,231	1,669
December	55,397	25,054	5,289	1,851	December.	58,196	29,672	4,862	1,793
January	58,524	25,689	7,126	1,489	January ...	63,654	31,555	5,894	1,688
February	55,548	24,479	6,580	1,914	February .	61,185	29,374	6,439	2,110
March	66,228	29,586	7,038	2,098	March	61,008	27,559	5,890	1,968
April	56,608	25,757	5,090	1,751	April	52,136	23,664	3,890	1,696
May	50,756	23,268	4,243	1,560	May	44,671	20,170	3,331	1,645
Total	623,245	282,613	58,091	1,630	Total ...	608,302	285,422	52,111	1,705

These figures show an increase in the number of visitors of 3.3 per cent., and in the number of books issued of 10.4 per cent. They show also a falling off in the periodicals

issued of one per cent., and in the average number of Sunday visitors of 4.4 per cent. The quality of the readers, the orderly aspect of the room, and the condition of the atmosphere have been greatly improved; and for these favors we are mainly indebted to the Superintendent of Police, who has, at the request of the Board, detailed a faithful officer for constant attendance in the room. This officer, Mr. J. C. Morris, by his watchfulness and good judgment has cleared the room of tramps, vagrants, persons of filthy habits, those who come to sleep, and others who had made this public reading room a resort, over whom the police desire to keep a constant oversight. We can well spare from our statistics the count of these persons as visitors if we can be relieved of their presence. Several persons claiming to be respectable and giving references, have complained to me of the action of the officer; and others have made their anonymous complaints in the newspapers. All these complaints I have investigated, and have found in each case that the officer did his duty, and that the public were blessed in the absence of these complainants from the reading room. If this beneficent oversight of our visitors by the police department is continued, the question of sufficient ventilation of the reading room will have been practically solved.

The number of serials on file is 476, of which 328 are classed as periodicals and 148 as newspapers. Of the periodicals 246 are bought and 82 given; 152 are American, 93 English, 55 German, 11 French, 7 Scandinavian, 7 Bohemian, and 3 of other nationalities. Of the newspapers 54 are dailies and 94 weeklies, and 15 dailies and 67 weeklies are given by their publishers, a list of which is given in Appendix C. The amount expended for periodicals and newspapers is \$1,941.93.

ADMINISTRATION.

Twenty-eight persons are employed in the day service, and nine in the evening service. Six persons are on the

list of substitutes whose services are called for when needed. These with the janitor and night watchman, make the whole number of employes, forty-five.

FINDING LIST.

The Finding List, of 503 pages, which was issued in April, 1884, contains the titles, classified by subjects, of 102,000 volumes. A supplement of 61 pages, containing the titles of books since received, has just been issued, and is sold for ten cents. The main Finding List is issued in three forms, namely: (1) Part I, 371 pages, containing the titles of all books in the English language, the classical languages, and such books in the modern continental languages as treat specific subjects, which are classified with English books on the same subject; (2) Part II, 132 pages, containing books in the modern continental languages arranged alphabetically by authors under each of the languages; and (3) Parts I and II in one volume. Part I is sold for thirty-five cents, Part II for fifteen cents, and both parts in one volume for fifty cents. Of Part I, 1,625 copies have been sold; of Part II, 371 copies, and of both parts in one, 101 copies. The amount received for copies of Finding List sold was \$684.25.

In connection with our card catalogue, which is arranged by authors and subjects, and is always kept complete, the Finding List seems to fully meet the demands of the public for a printed inventory of the books, and it practically answers one of the most controverted and difficult questions which has arisen in the administration of rapidly-growing libraries with large constituencies of book-borrowers: "How can readers best be served with late and frequently-revised lists of books contained in the library?"

BINDING.

The number of books sent to the binders was 8,610, and the work done by the contractors, P. Ringer & Co. and Theo. Asmus, has been entirely satisfactory. The number of books repaired by the Library attendants was 4,089, and

the number put into Emerson binders was 109. The amount paid for binding was \$3,618.02.

BOOK STEALING.

The Library during the year has passed through a strange experience in the loss and recovery of more than two thousand volumes which had been stolen by an employé serving in the humble position of evening and Sunday attendant in the reading-room. His thefts were continued after his discharge from the service for other causes. Being an experienced operator, the extent and method of his thieving, and the circumstances under which he came into the service of the Library are so unusual and startling they deserve a brief statement in this report, as much for correcting erroneous impressions of the case which have gone abroad, as for putting custodians of other libraries on their guard.

The earlier police record of this person had wholly passed out of memory in this busy and cosmopolitan city, until he was identified in prison by booksellers whom he had robbed years before. Five years ago, under his true name, Otto Funk—his father being a poor and honest shoemaker in this city—he was arrested, arraigned and bound over to the criminal court on several charges of stealing books from retailers and second-hand dealers of the city. The stolen books were found, the thefts acknowledged, and, after he had been shown up to the police, the prosecutions were dropped, on the ground that a young man who did so much book-stealing and so neatly must be a “crank,” or kleptomaniac. He thereupon, for a time, dropped out of sight, and changing his name to J. A. Talbut, entered college, and graduated with a high rank of scholarship from the Chicago University in 1882, no one suspecting that he was the Otto Funk whose name had appeared in the police records. While in college he boarded himself on a low diet, lighted the street lamps, delivered newspapers, and did other manual labor. The only extravagance in which he

appeared to indulge was books, of which he had a choice collection of nearly a thousand volumes. Of books he was an excellent and critical judge; and philosophy, psychology and ethics were the topics which he made his especial study, as appears by the books he stole from this Library.

In March, 1882, under the name of J. A. Talbut, he applied for the position on the evening and Sunday service, stating that he was about to graduate from the University, and intended to enter the signal service of the United States. Being wholly dependent on his own exertions, he needed the small compensation attached to the position for his support. He brought letters from the President and one of the professors of the University, the Mayor of the city, and a well-known physician, all commending his character and scholarship, his energy in supporting himself, and appealing to the generous sympathies of the Board to give him employment. There being no vacancy in the service at that time, he accepted an offer to teach at Milwaukee, and returning to the city in the autumn of 1883, came into the evening and Sunday service of the Library, and entered as a medical student the Chicago Medical College.

From this point perhaps I cannot state in a briefer form the main incidents of the narrative than by condensing a report on the subject which I made to the Board of Directors in February last :

"Funk began his services as evening and Sunday attendant in the reading-room, Sept. 4, 1883. He confessed to me that he began to take books as soon as he came into the Library's service. That he was industrious in his abstractions during the early months of his service is evident by his getting away with 414 volumes before our annual stock-taking in March and April, 1884.

It will be remembered that 775 volumes, an unusual number, were reported unaccounted for at the last annual examination; and that in my annual report I called the attention of the Board to the subject, and to the need of additional safeguards for the protection of the Library. That some books should be unaccounted for at the annual stock-taking, where a mistake in labeling or charging a book would temporarily prevent its identification, was to be expected; but the non-appearance of so many books was then a matter of deep anxiety to me. I was convinced that books were being unlawfully taken away by, or in collusion with, some person or persons employed in the Library; and hence the character and conduct of every attendant in the Library has since been carefully watched. My suspicions of individuals (which I am now happy to state were unfounded) have from

time to time been awakened, and I have mentioned them confidentially to members of the Board. Unfortunately the thief was on service during hours when I was not present; and as his work did not bring him in contact with the books, he was not watched as closely as he would otherwise have been. I never saw or heard of any act or conduct of his which directed my suspicion as to his honesty until three days before he was arrested, and the books were found in his possession. He had been discharged from the service of the Library three months before for incivility to visitors; but the attendants had allowed him privileges in the Library which they would not have given to a stranger. A raid of the previous Sunday on the medical books first awakened my suspicion of him, on the ground that he was a medical student; and the later and tardy report of the reading-room attendant that Funk on that Sunday was in the room where the medical books are kept, and was seen carrying a bundle away, changed a suspicion to an assurance that he was the thief.

To the public, the recovery of the books was the first intimation of their loss; but, to the Directors and officers of the Library, it had been known for months that books were being stolen to an alarming extent. They had held many private meetings and conferences on the subject, and had given their best endeavors to the detection of the criminal, believing that some person in the employ of the Library was concerned, as principal or as accessory to the theft. We did not go to the newspapers with the information, for publicity would have defeated the end in view, and the stolen property would have been put out of reach. As the character, habits and conduct of the employes were to be watched, the service of an outside professional detective could not be used until we had some clew upon which he could work. When we had the evidence which pointed directly to the guilty party, the city detectives were called in, and they rendered prompt and efficient service in arresting the thief and recovering the stolen property. Including the books missing last year and those known to be since taken, we had hoped to recover about 1,000 volumes; and, to the surprise of ourselves, as well as the public, we recovered 2,118. That more than 1,000 volumes had been taken which we had not known were stolen, and might not have known, until we came to our annual examination, requires and admits of an explanation.

Besides the 24,000 volumes in the reference department, there are 86,000 volumes in the circulating department, of which more than 20,000 volumes are constantly out in the hands of borrowers. The daily circulation for the past month has been more than 2,000 volumes. A bank can balance its cash every day; we can not balance our books oftener than once a year, and do the regular work of the Library.

Our annual stock-taking requires the services of two persons for three months, and then the losses for the year appear. Not to find the book on the shelf in its place, between the periods of our annual stock-taking, is no ground for suspicion that it has been stolen, for it is supposed to be in circulation. The attendants who, in delivering books, are in constant contact with the shelves, are the humblest grade of employes. Books are called for by shelf marks and not by titles, and hence the attendants, constantly hurried, get but very little knowledge of the books themselves. They go to the shelves with a list of numbers, and if the first is not in, they look for the second, intent on serving the applicant as quickly as possible. If a book was stolen from the shelves they would not be likely to detect it. The officers of the Library would not know that any particular book was missing, unless it was reported, or their attention was directed to it by a reader or some incident. Many books are at the binders, many are on worn-out lists, and 20,000 are in the hands of borrowers. With ten or more attendants delivering books, no one person can be cognizant of the details which will enable him or her to judge whether a book not on the shelf is out

rightfully or wrongfully. No system of keeping an account with the shelves, the book-borrowers, the bindery and worn-out list has yet been devised which will show automatically and instantaneously when a book has been wrongfully abstracted. The annual stock-taking will do it. Character and honesty on the part of the employes is the best preventative of book-stealing that is now known.

Our great abstractor was an experienced and skillful worker. He did not, until shortly before he was arrested, take whole sets of books at one time. This would naturally have excited suspicion; but during his whole term of service, and since he was discharged, he selected volumes from different parts of the Library, and was constantly carrying them away, concealed in ample pockets hung on the inside of his clothing, when he left at ten o'clock at night, and no officer of the Library was present to watch him. He has told me since his arrest that he never left the Library without taking books. If he had been on the day service and under the eye of the officers, he would, doubtless, have stolen books; but he would have had no such opportunity for stealing as the evening and Sunday service in the reading-room gave him.

The story, as it has been imperfectly reported in the newspapers, has given a shock to every custodian of large collections of books in the land. Judge Chamberlain, the Librarian of the Boston Public Library, writes to me as follows: 'I have to trust the key of the Boston collection to janitors and employes, who could pocket volumes worth each a hundred dollars, the loss of which might not be discovered for a year.'

Book-stealing by outsiders, which is the common experience of libraries, is not difficult to guard against; but our late experience shows what can be done by an expert in that line who is taken into the employ of the Library and is put into that part of the service which gives him the best opportunity for carrying on his stealing without discovery. Our experience is unique; for nothing like it has before occurred in the history of American libraries. I have looked for something analogous to it in foreign libraries, but without success. There have been enormous and scandalous robberies of public libraries in France; but they have been done by the public authorities, or with the connivance of their custodians. In 1843, the librarian of Tours was convicted of stealing books by wholesale and sending them to London for sale. In 1847, 60,000 volumes were missing from the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris; and many of these volumes were found in the book-stalls of London with their stamps not erased. Some had already found a home in the British Museum. There is no record, however, of an employe in an inferior station getting away with 2,000 volumes before he was detected—and there was, probably, never before *such* an employe in library service. The facts in this case almost surpass the limit of belief—that a person who, five years ago, was detected and publicly prosecuted for stealing books to a large amount from five or more of the book stores and second-hand dealers in Chicago—who was shown up to the police and book-trade as a professional book-thief, should change his name, graduate with honor from the Chicago University, enter the Chicago Medical College, and nobody should recall his past record. It is among the strangest and most fortuitous of incidents that this person should apply for service in this Library, recommended in the strongest terms by the Mayor of the City, the President and one of the Professors of the Chicago University, and a well known physician, all of whom were ignorant of his past life; that he should obtain the position, and during his term of service should not be recognized by any one under his real name, and should awaken no suspicion as to his personal character. If a novelist should make use of such incidents they would be regarded as absurdly extravagant or impossible."

When Funk was arrested, about a hundred volumes stolen

from the Library were found in his room, from which the labels had been carefully removed and the stamps erased. He stated that these were all the books he had taken; that he had not stolen them, but had borrowed them to read; and that he had removed the labels and stamps in order that his room-mate and visitors might not suspect him of theft. The next day a policeman in the suburbs, hearing of the arrest and knowing that a large quantity of books were stored in a barn occupied by Funk's brother-in-law, telephoned the information to the Chief of Police, and soon after two thousand volumes more were brought into the central station. In emptying the bags and boxes (which the policemen had not handled with the greatest care), an infernal machine was found ready for action, with a quantity of dynamite sufficient to blow up the police headquarters and the new City Hall. The prisoner was sent for to explain the purpose of this machine. He said that he had experimented some months before in making a dynamite machine, and had packed it away among the books without any definite purpose. Funk has been indicted by the grand jury and tried in the criminal court. The verdict rendered was that he "is guilty as charged in the indictment; that he was insane when he committed the larcenies, and is now insane; and that he be committed to the State Insane Asylum at Elgin."

BOOK-THEFTS IN THE READING ROOM.

Fifty-five books, applied for to be read in the room, have been stolen from the reading room by persons who signed fictitious names and residences, and carried away the books. Twenty-one of these books have since appeared, leaving thirty-four not recovered, namely: 13 in German literature; 12 in fiction and juveniles; 3 in poetry and drama; 2 in science; and one each in Scandinavian literature and travels. One person was detected and arrested after he had stolen five books in this manner. He confessed all he was charged with, and in the police court was bound over

to the criminal court. The grand jury found a true bill, and on trial in the criminal court, the defendant was acquitted for want of proof as to his intention. He testified on the stand that he intended to return the books. The state attorney did not prove that he intended to steal them. A bill has since been reported in the General Assembly to protect public libraries against this sort of petty thieving. Unless libraries can be protected by the law in issuing books for reading on the premises to all persons who apply, it will be necessary to require a deposit or a responsible guaranty in each case, which will deprive nine-tenths of the persons who use a public reading room of this privilege. Our chapter of casualties for the year is completed by the statement that one of the employés, who had been in the service of the Library for several years, and recently acted as assistant to the Secretary in charge of the petty cash account, abused the confidence placed in him by making a small defalcation, which, when it was discovered and the defaulter discharged, was refunded to the Library by a relative.

ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

Owing to the alarming theft of books which has been described, the annual examination of the library has been made with the greatest care by checking off from the shelf lists, which are a complete inventory of the library, the volumes found on the shelves or otherwise accounted for. The work has been done without calling in the books or interfering with the circulation. It began in February, and four persons for a month were examining the shelves and making a list of books which were not in their places. The time of one attendant has since been chiefly given to watching the shelves and tracing up the books not accounted for. The list of books missing now numbers 362 volumes, 21 volumes less than two years ago, and 413 less than was reported last year. Of these 163 are English prose fiction and juveniles; 38 in science and art; 33 in German literature; 34 in history and biography; 33 in Scandinavian

literature; 10 in French literature; 9 in poetry and drama; 9 in language and history of literature; 7 in medicine; 7 in travels; 7 in religion; 1 in Polish literature; 5 reference books, and 6 miscellaneous. Of the 775 reported missing last year, 573 have been found, of which 414 were recovered from Otto Funk.

THE LIBRARY AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The joint rules of the Library Board and Board of Education, under which the principals can draw books for the use of their pupils in the study of special subjects, has been so modified as to enable teachers to draw books for their classes under the same conditions. The North Division High School, and the following grammar schools have drawn books under the rule, namely: The Brown, Central Park, Dore, Emerson, Foster, Keith, Scammon, Skinner, Vedder Street, Wallace Street, Walsh, Webster, and West Jackson Street schools. The four hundred and seventeen books borrowed have been carefully used and promptly returned. The principals of other schools have expressed the intention of taking books, but have not done so. The teachers who have made use of library books, have found them very helpful to their pupils. The Committee on the subject in the Board of Education are of the opinion, in which I fully concur, that many of the principals have not sufficiently appreciated the benefits which a more zealous interest in, and larger use of, the Public Library would be to their pupils; and the Committee intend during the coming year to promote a more general interest in the subject. The work of bringing the pupils of the public schools in contact with books, and giving them some knowledge of their use, must be done by the teachers themselves. The Public Library and its officers can do little more than give the teachers the facilities for the work. Some labor indeed is required, and intelligence needed, in carrying it on; but it is work which will be of the greatest advantage to the pupils in helping them to continue their self-education by

means of books after they leave school. Several of the grammar schools have recently procured libraries of their own; but these libraries necessarily lack books which pupils need in the study of specific subjects. Five classes from the West Division High School, and two from private schools have come to the Library and had a lecture on some topic selected by its teacher which was illustrated by the books on that topic spread before them. The invitation has been extended to the principals of all the grammar schools to bring their seventh and eighth grades to the Library for such exercises; and it is hoped that during the coming school year the invitation will be generally accepted. Our accommodations for these exercises at present are very limited; but when a new building is erected, a room and the equipment for receiving these classes should be provided. I feel under obligations to the Chairman of the Committee of the Board of Education and to several of the principals for the sympathy and co-operation they have given me in developing this interesting branch of education which is receiving much attention in other parts of the country.

OTHER LIBRARIES IN THE CITY.

I have been requested by the Board to collect, as far as was practicable, the statistics of other libraries in the city. Circulars of inquiry have been sent to all the society, educational, professional and subscription libraries I could hear of, and from some of them I have had no response. The results of my inquiries will be found in Appendix "D." The list, if it has no other interest, will be useful as the basis of a more complete inventory at some future time. The Secretary of State at Springfield has sent circulars to all the libraries in Illinois, soliciting full information as to their history and statistics, and he will soon print the same. The Commissioner of Education at Washington, is about to issue a supplement to his interesting "Report on the Libraries of the United States," 1876, in which he will in-

clude the libraries established since 1876, and the statistics of all at the present time.

I have also endeavored by correspondence to ascertain the number and statistics of the Public Libraries in the State—meaning by the term “Public Libraries” those supported by municipal taxation and organized under the “Public Library act” of March 7, 1872. A considerable number of towns in the State have what purports to be a “Public Library,” but it is merely a subscription library and is not supported by public taxation. I have ascertained that twenty-nine cities and towns in the State of Illinois, have a Public Library, and are maintaining it under the provisions of the State law of 1872. The following is the list of them, and it will be seen by their dates of organization that four have been organized during the present year: Aurora, 1882; Belvidere, 1885; Brazil, 1879; Cairo, 1882; Centralia, 1882; Chicago, 1872; Champaign, 1877; Danville, 1883; Decatur, 1875; Dundee, 1876; East St. Louis, 1874; Elgin, 1874; Evanston, 1873; Batavia, 1873; Galesburg, 1874; Joliet, 1875; Kewanee, 1875; Macomb, 1882; Moline, 1873; Onarga, 1874; Ottawa, 1885; Peoria, 1881; Rockford, 1872; Rock Island, 1872; Sterling, 1878; Urbana, 1874; Warren, 1885; Winnetka, 1885; Warsaw, 1872. I have regarded it as a pleasure, as well as a professional duty, when applications are made for information as to the organization or management of public libraries, to give such advice as is needed. The result is that many institutions have expressed obligations to this Library, and the system and methods here used have been adopted, in whole or in part, in nearly all the libraries in the Northwestern States.

THE FUTURE.

The question of greatest moment to the Library at this time is that of providing it with a permanent location. It has out-grown these rooms, which are contracted, inaccessible to the public, combustible, and unfit in every respect for its further use. The space required for permanent quarters

may be inferred from a few practical considerations. The Library now occupies twenty thousand square feet on two floors, and every department, as we have seen, is cramped for want of room. No additional space is possible in this location, and thirty thousand square feet are now needed. If the location were changed to a ground floor, and such additional rooms provided as are needed, the increase of visitors and of work in one year would require a space of forty thousand square feet. This space is an area of eight hundred feet by fifty—for on account of securing a sufficient quantity of light, no library construction should be more than fifty feet wide. Buildings which are constructed for mercantile purposes are, therefore, not adapted for library purposes. Where is the location in the central part of the city affording this amount of space, which can be purchased, or even rented on terms which the Library can pay? This estimate considers only the present wants of the Library. What will be its wants ten, twenty, thirty, or fifty years hence? It is prudent in determining the location of a permanent institution to consider these questions. Nearly all the large libraries of the country have made the mistake at the outset in considering only present wants, or wants for a limited period; and they are paying the penalty in enormous expenditures which might have been saved. This Library is now eleven years old, has collected 111,621 volumes, and has the largest constituency of readers and statistics in use of any library in the country, except the Boston Public Library, which is thirty-three years old and has 420,000 volumes. When the Boston Library was eleven years old it had 110,563 volumes. Its original building, constructed especially for the purpose, elegant and expensive, and supposed to be a permanent home, the Library is about to abandon, and is starting again in a new location which will afford ample space for growth. The State of Massachusetts gave the Library a lot of land measuring 32,500 square feet for the building; but the Trustees in view of their late experience decided not to build on it un-

less the City would buy from the State an adjoining lot of equal size at an expense of \$180,000, which was done. The Trustees have now a lot measuring 65,000 square feet, and are going on with the erection of the building, using only such portion of the lot as will supply their present wants and those of a decade of years to come.

Some of our citizens, who have the best intentions toward the Public Library, but have not duly considered its future wants, have recommended several locations and buildings which are insufficient in size. Each of them might meet the temporary wants of the Library for the present and a few years to come; then it would be necessary to move, and the question of a permanent location would again stare us in the face.

Dearborn Park, measuring 62,500 square feet, is the location which this Board, the Mayor, the City Council, and the public at large have desired, and have petitioned Congress to dedicate for the permanent use of the Public Library. Its size, and its location with reference to the lines of street railways, are all that can be desired. Our Senators and Representatives in Congress have unanimously favored the dedication, and the last Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, on the presentation of the subject by a Committee of this Board, reported such a bill as was desired. That the bill, which was not reported until the middle of May, 1884, was not reached on the calendar when Congress adjourned, is no occasion for discouragement in securing this location, if another report and bill be secured early in the first session of the next Congress.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. POOLE,

Librarian.



APPENDIX A. SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FROM 1875 TO 1885.

	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.
Books in the Library.....	30,296	49,024	51,409	57,964	60,426	67,772	77,140	87,372	94,008	106,241	111,621
Total Accessions.....	21,053	10,261	3,399	7,873	4,367	8,440	11,980	11,098	9,416	13,973	13,973
Purchased.....	20,122	8,056	2,441	6,544	3,010	7,799	9,814	9,901	8,085	11,739	6,692
Donated.....	931	2,195	958	1,329	1,377	641	2,166	1,197	1,331	1,234	1,444
Expended for.....	\$28,410 68	\$10,751 19	\$2,504 17	\$9,073 06	\$2,917 34	\$7,404 52	\$10,453 72	\$10,063 68	\$10,814 52	\$12,965 98	\$6,869 14
Worn out.....	38	463	1,015	1,301	1,548	1,137	2,502	306	2,082	1,237	688
Unaccounted for.....	1,944	421	285	184	210	180	261	297	2,383	775	362
Pamphlets, Accession of.....	1,944	354	222	419	1,087	457	648	2,133	1,442	604	3,301
Registration of Book Borrowers.....	20,710	9,849	6,982	11,831	9,130	9,505	10,905	10,241	11,174	13,070	13,297
Circulation of Books.....	399,156	405,747	398,080	354,536	365,436	305,731	352,931	349,477	376,475	420,313	519,691
Daily Average.....	1,313	1,266	1,301	1,166	1,305	1,032	1,161	1,144	1,259	1,404	1,704
Largest issue, one day.....	2,539	2,631	2,501	3,309	2,299	2,178	2,431	2,356	2,654	3,317	3,720
Smallest issue, one day.....	239	698	723	572	623	613	626	678	687	684	1,077
Received for Fines.....	\$2,648 72	\$2,831 44	\$2,710 64	\$1,956 57	\$1,862 70	\$1,775 72	\$2,064 35	\$2,169 18	\$2,230 26	\$2,954 22	\$3,068 00
Reading Room, Periodicals on File.....	268	285	220	210	295	221	241	262	265	264	228
Newspapers on File.....	80	104	91	94	116	198	130	134	128	141	148
Visitors.....	295,021	226,705	199,760	181,052	186,593	189,596	302,798	366,116	545,456	605,303	629,345
Periodicals Issued.....	125,355	138,994	127,438	115,275	119,547	134,597	194,617	199,471	264,649	285,423	292,613
Sunday Readers, Av.....	560	360	296	260	300	297	688	1,000	1,297	1,705	1,680
Cost of Serials.....	\$1,914 94	\$2,300 55	\$1,465 14	\$1,277 36	\$1,635 62	\$1,705 54	\$1,677 66	\$1,384 34	\$2,158 98	\$1,797 72	\$1,941 68
Reference Department Visitors.....	.....	5,598	8,875	16,916	20,214	28,105	32,340	28,464	42,734	50,696	52,054
Issues.....	.....	15,268	15,760	27,498	65,691	68,115	97,564	117,074	134,408	176,360	181,778
Binding, Cost of.....	\$1,991 80	\$4,826 57	\$2,928 25	\$2,768 55	\$3,954 08	\$2,167 01	\$2,564 82	\$3,643 88	\$2,814 47	\$3,385 51	\$3,618 08
Amount Paid for Salaries.....	15,545 00	14,705 30	11,973 47	13,374 30	13,571 00	14,559 00	17,686 35	20,553 58	22,436 56	25,159 43	26,680 77

APPENDIX B.

LIST OF DONORS.

	Vols.	Pamp.
Aiken, W. H., College Hill, O.....	1	
Albany, N. Y., Young Men's Association.....	2	
Albert Lee Route.....	1	
Alden, Edwin, and Bros., Cincinnati.....	1	
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.....	1	
American Congregational Association, Boston.....	1	
American Dental Association.....	1	1
American Engineer, Publishers of.....	1	
American Institute of Mining Engineers.....	3	
American Philological Association.....		2
American Unitarian Association.....		66
Amherst College.....		2
Amory, Thomas C., Boston.....		1
Andover, Mass., Theological Seminary.....		1
Andrews, Dr. Edmund.....	5	
Arnold, Miss Kate.....	1	
Artingstall, Samuel G.....		1
Baker, Henry B., Lansing, Mich.....		1
Baltimore, Peabody Institute.....	1	1
Barrow-in-Furness, Eng., Public Library.....		1
Barton, Edmund M., Worcester, Mass.....		1
Batchelder, J. L.....	1	
Beaver Dam, Wis., Public Library.....		1
Belfield, Henry H.....		1
Belgium, House of Representatives.....	10	
Benjamin, R., Cincinnati.....	1	
Bicker, A., Cincinnati.....		1
Bicknell, Thomas W., Boston.....		1
Birmingham, Eng., Free Library.....		2
Blanchard, Rufus, Wheaton, Ill.....	2	
Bodleian Library, Oxford, Eng.....		1
Bossange, Léopold, Paris.....	1	
Boston, City of.....	3	

	Vols.	Pamp.
Boston, Children's Hospital.....	--	1
Boston, City Hospital.....	1	--
Boston, Port and Seamen's Aid Society.....	--	1
Boston, Public Library.....	1	4
Boston University.....	2	1
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.....	--	1
Bradlee, Caleb D., Boston.....	--	1
Bramhall, Frank J.....	5	--
Bridgeport, Conn., Public Library.....	--	1
Briggs, William S., Keene, N. H.....	--	1
Brinton, Daniel G., Philadelphia.....	2	3
Brookline, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1
Brooklyn, N. Y., Brooklyn Library.....	--	3
Brown, Dr. Francis H., Boston.....	17	452
Brown, Taylor E.....	--	1
Brown University.....	--	1
Browne, Francis F.....	1	4
Buffalo Historical Society.....	1	1
Buffalo, Young Men's Association.....	--	2
Busch, William.....	--	1
California, University of.....	--	23
Cary, Eugene.....	1	--
Chamberlain, Mellen, Boston.....	--	1
Chicago, City of.....	3	--
Chicago, Board of Education.....	1	3
Chicago, City Clerk.....	1	--
Chicago, City Controller.....	3	--
Chicago, House of Correction.....	--	1
Chicago, South Park Commissioners.....	--	15
Chicago, Bethany Congregational Church Library.....	--	1
Chicago, Citizens' Association.....	--	3
Chicago, Dearborn Observatory.....	--	1
Chicago, Douglas School Library.....	--	1
Chicago, Historical Society.....	1	--
Chicago, Inter-State Industrial Exhibition.....	1	--
Chicago, Law Institute.....	--	2
Chicago, Manual Training School.....	--	1
Chicago, Medical Society.....	130	--
Chicago, St. Luke's Free Hospital.....	--	1
Chicago, Tribune Office.....	78	167
Chicago, Union Veteran Club.....	1	--
Chicago University.....	--	1
Cincinnati, Board of Education.....	1	--
Cincinnati, Bottlers' Exhibition.....	--	1
Cincinnati, Public Library.....	8	7

	Vols.	Pamp.
Cincinnati, Young Men's Mercantile Association.....	--	4
Civil Service Record, Publishers of.....	8	--
Clarke, J. C. C.....	1	--
Cleveland, Horace W. S.....	--	1
Cleveland, Ohio, Public Library.....	--	1
Clinton, Mass., Bigelow Public Library.....	--	1
Cobden Club, London.....	--	1
Columbia College Library, New York City.....	--	2
Columbus, Ohio, City Library.....	--	1
Colton, D. Alphonso.....	1	--
Concord, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1
Conklin, William J., Dayton, Ohio.....	--	4
Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company.....	1	--
Cox, W. R.....	--	1
Cram, George F.....	1	--
Crunden, Frederick M., St. Louis.....	--	1
Cullom, Hon. Shelby M.....	10	1
Curtiss, Prof. Samuel Ives.....	2	--
Cutler, Temple, Essex, Mass.....	1	--
Dana, Dr. C. L., New York.....	--	2
Danvers, Mass., Peabody Institute.....	--	1
Davis, Hon. George R.....	9	--
Dayton, O., Public Library.....	1	--
De Bernardy Bros., London.....	--	1
Delisle, Léopold, Paris.....	5	29
Detroit, Board of Education.....	--	1
Diplomatic Review, London.....	--	81
Donnelley and Sons.....	5	--
Dresden Royal Library.....	--	1
Drury College, Springfield, Mo.....	--	1
Dundee, Scotland, Public Library.....	--	1
Dunham, Hon. R. W.....	4	--
Eastman, S. C.....	--	1
Edwards, Rev. Arthur.....	11	168
Elliot, Frank M.....	1	--
English, C. D.....	--	1
Fisk, H. F.....	1	--
Foster, Dr. A. H.....	5	--
France, Ministère de l'Instruction Publique.....	1	--
France, War Department.....	1	--
Frederiksen, Mrs. N. C.....	9	--
Germantown, Pa., Friends' Free Library.....	--	1
Gilbert, Frank.....	--	1
Goodell, Abner Cheney, Jr., Salem, Mass.....	--	1
Goodwin, Daniel, Jr.....	1	--

	Vols.	Pamp.
Gookin, Fred. W.....	1	--
Great Britain, Commissioners of Patents.....	92	--
Green, Dr. Samuel A., Boston.....	18	74
Guthrie, Malcolm, Liverpool.....	2	--
Hallock, J. C., Jr., Brooklyn, N. Y.....	2	--
Ham, Charles H.....	1	--
Hamill, Dr. R. C.....	51	129
Handsworth, Eng., Public Library.....	--	1
Harrison, George L., Philadelphia.....	1	--
Hartford, Conn., Library Association.....	--	3
Hartford, Conn., Theological Institute.....	1	--
Harvard University.....	3	6
Hatfield, James T., Evanston, Ill.....	1	--
Hawxhurst, Arthur.....	22	--
Haynes, Tilly, Boston.....	1	--
Hild, Fred. H.....	1	--
Hill, Matthew.....	1	--
Hinstorff, Gustave.....	15	8
Holden, Prof. Edward S., Madison, Wis.....	1	--
Holland, Royal Library.....	--	1
Horton, S. Dana, Pomeroy, O.....	--	4
Hotz, Dr. Ferdinand C.....	1	1
Howard, W. S., New Orleans.....	1	--
Howland, George.....	1	--
Hoynes, Dr. Temple S.....	3	--
Hugunin, Henry M.....	1	--
Hurlbut, Dr. V. L.....	82	1259
Illinois, Board of Health.....	18	73
Illinois, Bureau of Labor Statistics.....	1	--
Illinois, Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.....	--	1
Illinois, Northern Hospital for the Insane.....	--	2
Illinois Humane Society.....	--	1
Illinois Industrial University.....	1	1
Illinois Knights Templar, Grand Commandery.....	1	--
Illinois National Guard.....	1	--
Illinois State Dental Society.....	1	--
Ingals, Dr. Ephraim.....	18	96
Inland Printer Company.....	--	6
Inwards, R.....	1	--
Iowa State Library.....	--	1
Jackson, Dr. A. Reeves.....	17	--
Jackson, Luis.....	--	3
Jansen, McClurg & Co.....	--	95
Johns Hopkins University.....	--	8
Kansas State Board of Agriculture.....	1	--

	Vols.	Pamp.
Kansas State Library.....	--	1
Kurtz, Charles M., New York.....	1	--
Lancaster, Mass., Library Association.....	--	1
Lane, Dr. J. S.....	24	--
Larned, Walter C.....	--	1
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1
Leeds, Josiah W.....	1	--
Leeds, England, Public Library.....	--	1
Leicester, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1
Levi Parson's Library, of Gloversville and Kingsboro, N. Y.....	--	1
Liljencrantz, G. A. M.....	2	Charts.
Liverpool, England, Free Libraries.....	--	1
Logan, Hon. John A.....	80	--
London, Corporation of the City of.....	1	--
Longmeadow, Mass., Centennial Commission.....	1	--
Louisville, Art Gallery.....	1	--
McClure, J. G. K., Lake Forest, Ill.....	--	1
McIntosh Galvanic and Faradic Battery Co.....	1	--
McVicker, J. H.....	1	--
Malden, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1
Manchester, Eng., Literary and Philosophical Society.....	5	--
Manchester, Eng., Public Libraries.....	--	1
Manchester, N. H., Public Library.....	--	1
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy.....	--	1
Massachusetts Medical Society.....	--	2
Massachusetts State Department.....	5	--
Medill, Joseph.....	1	2
Melrose, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1
Merton, Dr. Arthur.....	1	--
Meylert, Dr. Asa P.....	--	1
Michigan State Library.....	88	11
Michigan University Library.....	--	87
Miller, G. B.....	1	--
Milwaukee Public Library.....	--	2
Minnesota Historical Society.....	1	1
Minnesota University.....	--	1
Mitchell Library, Glasgow.....	--	1
Moe, M. F. H.....	4	--
Monroe, James, Peoria, Ill.....	1	--
Montgomery Co., Pa., Centennial Association.....	1	--
Moore, George H., New York.....	--	1
Moses, Adolph.....	--	2
Nason, Leonard Herbert.....	2	--
National Association for Social Science, London.....	1	--
National Congregational Council.....	1	--

	Vols.	Pamp.
National Home for Disabled Soldiers, Milwaukee.....	..	1
New Bedford, Mass., Public Library.....	..	1
New Jersey College Library.....	1	..
New York City, Astor Library.....	..	2
New York City, Board of Education.....	4	..
New York City, General Society of Mechanics.....	..	1
New York City, Maimonides Library.....	..	4
New York City, Mercantile Library.....	..	2
New York City, Meteorological Observatory.....	..	10
New York City, Young Men's Christian Association.....	1	1
New York and Brooklyn Bridge, Board of Trustees.....	1	..
New York Produce Exchange.....	1	..
New York State Library.....	7	4
Newton, Mass., Public Library.....	..	1
Nitchie, Joseph H.....	14	..
Northern Transcontinental Survey, Newport, R. I.....	2 Maps.	..
Northwest Review, Publishers of.....	1	..
Ohio State Library.....	18	..
Onderdonk, Henry, Jr., Jamaica, L. I.....	..	1
Palmer, Dr. A. B., Ann Arbor, Mich.....	..	18
Palmer, Thomas W.....	..	1
Paris, Bibliothèque Nationale.....	..	1
Parvin, Theodore S., Iowa City.....	2	..
Peaslee, John B., Cincinnati.....	..	2
Pennsylvania Historical Society.....	..	1
Peoria, Ill., Board of Trade.....	..	2
Pettegrew, William S.....	2	..
Philadelphia, Commissioners of Public Buildings.....	..	1
Philadelphia, Library Company.....	..	4
Philadelphia, Mercantile Library Association.....	..	8
Philadelphia, Numismatic and Antiquarian Society.....	..	1
Phillips, Henry, Jr., Philadelphia.....	1	8
Philosophical Society of Washington.....	1	..
Plymouth, Eng., Public Library.....	..	1
Poole, William Frederick.....	..	5
Probasco, Henry, Cincinnati.....	..	1
Providence, R. I., Athenæum.....	..	2
Providence, R. I., Friends' School.....	..	1
Providence, R. I., Public Library.....	..	1
Putnam, Charles E., Davenport, Iowa.....	..	1
Quincy, Elizabeth Susan, Boston.....	1	..
Rawle, W. H., Washington.....	1	..
Redpath, James, New York.....	1	..
Redwood Library, Newport, R. I.....	..	1
Reed, A. H.....	1	260

	Vols.	Pamp.
Reyer, E.....	2	
Robertson, A. W., Aberdeen, Scotland.....	1	Map.
Rochdale, Eng., Public Library.....	1	
Rochester University.....	1	
Rose Polytechnic Institute.....	2	
Rotherham, Eng., Public Library.....	2	
Royal Astronomical Society, London.....	1	
Royal Institution of Great Britain, London.....		1
Royal Scottish Society of Arts.....		1
Royal Society of Canada.....	1	
Russell Library, Middletown, Conn.....		1
Sage Public Library, Bay City, Mich.....		4
St. Helens, Eng., Public Library.....		1
St. Louis, Mercantile Library Association.....		2
St. Louis, Public School Library.....		3
San Francisco, Mechanics' Institute.....	1	
San Francisco, Mercantile Library.....		1
Senne, Hon. Henry C.....	4	2
Sharpe, Dr. Samuel K., Rock Island, Ill.....	51	20
Sheffield, Eng., Public Library.....		1
Shorey, Daniel L.....	1	63
Smithsonian Institution.....	8	
Somerville, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Spamer, Richard, St. Louis.....		1
Springfield, Mass., City Library Association.....		1
Stearns, George T.....		1
Steele, Henry T.....		1
Steiner, Lewis H., Baltimore.....		1
Stockton, Cal., Public Library.....	2	2
Swansea, Eng., Public Library.....		1
Swett, Leonard, and J. L. High.....	2	
Taunton, Mass., Board of Education.....		1
Taunton, Mass., Public Library.....	1	2
Thomas, George Francis.....	8	
Thomas, G. W.....	30	
Thurman, W. C.....		1
Toledo, O., Public Library.....		1
Toronto, Canada, Public Library.....	1	1
Townsend, Belton O'N., Florence, S. C.....	1	
Tracy, C.....		1
Trinity College, Hartford.....		1
Trumbull, M. M.....	2	
Tuckerman, Bayard, New York.....	5	
Tufts College.....	1	1
Uber, Adolph G.....		1

	Vols.	Pamp.
Ulrich, Barton Adolphus.....	--	2
United States, Bureau of Education.....	8	8
United States, Bureau of Ethnology.....	1	--
United States, Bureau of Statistics.....	--	2
United States, Chief of Ordinance.....	1	--
United States, Civil Service Commission.....	--	8
United States, Coast Survey.....	1	--
United States, Commissioner of Agriculture.....	--	1*
United States, Commissioner of Navigation.....	1	--
United States, Commissioner of Patents.....	14	--
United States, Controller of the Currency.....	1	--
United States, Department of the Interior.....	185	--
United States, Department of State.....	--	11
United States, Fish Commission.....	1	--
United States, Geological Survey.....	8	6
United States, Life Saving Service.....	1	--
United States, Marine Hospital Service.....	1	--
United States, Naval Observatory.....	1	1
United States, Navy Department.....	5	--
United States, Post Office Department.....	1	--
United States, Signal Service.....	2	1
United States, Surgeon General's Library.....	1	--
United States, Treasury Department.....	1	--
United States, War Department.....	6	--
Vassar College.....	--	2
Vermont State Library.....	9	8
Vermont, University of.....	--	1
Victoria, Her Majesty the Queen.....	1	--
Victoria, Australia, Public Library.....	--	1
Virginia, University of.....	--	2
Wakeman, Edgar L.....	2	--
Washburn Observatory, Madison, Wis.....	--	1
Waterhouse, Prof. S., St. Louis.....	--	1
Waterman, Rev. H. B.....	5	--
Webber, W. L., East Saginaw, Mich.....	--	2
Wednesbury, Eng., Public Library.....	--	1
Wheatland, Henry, Salem, Mass.....	--	1
White, R. E., San Francisco.....	1	--
Whiting, David V.....	--	5
Whitney, F. I.....	1	--
Wight, P. B.....	1	145
Wilmington, Del., Institute.....	--	1
Winthrop, Robert C., Boston.....	--	1
Winthrop, Robert C., Jr., Boston.....	--	1
Woburn, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1

	Vols.	Pamp.
Woodbury, C. J. H., Boston.....	--	2
Worcester, Rev. J. H.....	1	--
Worcester, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1
Wright, Harrison, Wilkes-Barré, Pa.....	--	2
Wyld, Dr. George, London.....	62	55
Yale College.....	1	1
Young, Mason, New York.....	--	1
Zincken, C. F., Leipzig.....	1	--
Unknown.....	2	6

APPENDIX C.

SERIALS DONATED.

American.

Alarm.
American Country Merchant.
American Mail and Export Journal.
American Sheep Breeder.
American Stationer.
Argus.
Building Budget.
Canada Patent Office Record.
Carriage Journal.
Chicago Legal News.
Chicago, Proceedings of the Council.
Christian at Work.
Church Press.
Civil Service Record.
Collector's Companion.
Congressional Record.
Cook Co. Commissioners' Proceedings.
Deaf-Mute Hawkeye.
Dial.
Dairy World.
Druggists' Circular.
Farmer's Review.
Folio.
Friend.
Hardware Reporter.
High School Journal.
Home Visitor.
Indicator.
Keynote.
Literary Life.

Lithographer.
Lumber Trade Journal.
Manifesto.
Miller's Journal.
Mind in Nature.
Mining Record.
Mining Review.
Missionary Review.
Missionary Herald.
National Bottlers' Gazette.
National Live Stock Journal.
New Jerusalem Messenger.
Normal Worker.
Official Gazette of the Patent Office.
Philatelic Journal.
Phonographic Monthly.
Practical Phonographer.
Pharmacist and Chemist.
Phrenological Journal.
Scandinavia.
Shorthand News.
Shorthand Writer.
Signs of the Times.
Sporting Journal.
Stationer and Printer.
Stumble Stone.
Voice.
Unitarian Review.
Unity.
Western Agriculturist.
Western Manufacturer.
Young Mineralogist.

Medical Publications.**AMERICAN.**

The following publications are the gift of the Chicago Medical Society.

American Journal of Obstetrics.
American Journal of Medical Science.
Boston Medical and Surgical Journal.
Dental Cosmos.
Journal of American Medical Association.
Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease.
Medical Review.
Medical Record.
Medical Visitor.
Practitioner.

BRITISH.

Lancet.
Medical Times.

GERMAN.

Archiv für Klinische Chirurgie.
Deutsches Archiv für Klinische Medicin.

British Publications.

Brewer's Guardian.
Homœopathic Review.
Investor's Monthly Manual.
Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society.
Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society.
Textile Recorder.
Weekly Register.

Daily Newspapers.

Boston, Herald.
Chicago, Arbeiter-Zeitung.
Inter-Ocean.
Morning Herald.
Skandinaven.
Staats Zeitung (2 copies).
Svornost.
Telegram.
Weather Bulletin.

Cleveland, Volnost.
Jersey City, Evening Journal.
New Orleans, Times.
New York, Delnik Ameriky.

Weekly Newspapers.

Baltimore, American.
Battle Creek (Mich.), Advent Review.
Boston, Christian Register.
World's Crisis.
Caldwell, Tribune.
Chicago, Afholdsbladet.
Banner.
Beobachter.
Chicago-Bladet.
Chicago Revue.
Christelige Talsmand.
Citizen.
Express.
Folkevennen.
Folkets Avis.
Gamla och Nya Hemlandet.
Gazeta Chicagoska.
Illustreret Ugeblad.
Industrial World.
Journal of Commerce.
Lever.
Missions-Wännen.
Music and Drama.
Nederlander.
Norden.
Nye Tid.
Occident.
Oesterreichisch-Am. Zeitung.
Progressive Age.
Saturday Herald.
Sonntagsgast.
Standard.
Svenska Amerikanaren.
Svenska Tribunen.
Verdens Gang.
Vorbote.
Vort Land.
Weltbürger.
Western Catholic.

Cleveland, Dennice, Novověku.
 DeLand, Florida Agriculturist.
 Detroit, Free Press.

Michigan Catholic.

Fargo, Republican.

Fort Madison, Democrat.

Hope, Pioneer.

Kankakee, Courier de l'Illinois.

La Grange, Texas, Slovan.

Milwaukee, Zgoda.

Nashville, Cumberland Presbyterian.

New York, Hebrew Standard.

Irish World.

Paper Trade Journal.

Sabbath Recorder.

Zabavne Listy.

Oakland (Cal.), Signs of the Times.

Ontario (Cal.), Fruit Grower.

Palatka (Fla.), Putnam Co. Journal.

Portland (Ore.), Northwestern Farmer and Dairyman.

Port Emma (Dak.), Emma Times.

Pribrami, Horimir.

Racine, Slavic.

San Francisco, New Age.

Woman's Herald of Industry.

Sanford (Fla.), Journal.

Seattle (W. T.), Die Tribune.

South Chicago, Weekly Tribune.

Stafford (Kan.), Herald.

Trinidad (Col.), Review.

Washington (D. C.), National Equal Rights.

Sentinel.

BOHEMIAN.

Duch Casu.

Květy Americké.

Tabore, Gesky Iih.

APPENDIX D.

OTHER LIBRARIES IN CHICAGO.

ALLEN'S ACADEMY. 144, 22d St. Organized 1874. 2500 volumes.

AMERICAN ELECTRICAL SOCIETY. Deposited in the Chicago Manual Training School, corner Michigan Ave. and 12th St. C. H. Wilson, Librarian; H. H. Belfield, in charge. Organized 1874. 400 vols.

BENNETT MEDICAL AND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. 511 State St. E. E. Curtis, Librarian, W. A. Dutt, in charge. Org. 1883. 200 vols.

BOARD OF EDUCATION. Under its general charge sixty-two public schools have 1,497 reference books, and twenty-three schools have libraries containing 11,833 volumes. Total, 12,580 vols.

BOARD OF TRADE. Jackson and La Salle Sts. George F. Stone, Secretary. Organized 1850. 300 vols.

CHICAGO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE. Exposition Building. Chas. S. Fellows, Librarian. J. W. Viele, Secretary in charge. Org. 1859. 1,000 vols. 1,500 pamphlets. The library is not accessible, the books being packed in boxes for want of a library room.

CHICAGO ATHENÆUM. 50 Dearborn St. E. I. Galvin, Superintendent. Org. 1871. 1,000 vols.

CHICAGO COLLEGE OF PHARMACY. 465 State St. S. L. Coffin, Librarian. Org. 1859. 5,000 vols.

CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY. 142 Dearborn Avenue. A. D. Hager, Librarian. Org. 1856, and has been twice burned out. 8,879 volumes and 27,980 pamphlets.

CHICAGO LAW INSTITUTE. County Court House. W. I. Culver, Librarian. Org. 1857. 17,095 vols.

CHICAGO MEDICAL COLLEGE. 26th St. and Prairie Ave. Dr. M. P. Hatfield, Librarian. Org. 1882. 305 vols.

CHICAGO UNIVERSITY. 3400 Cottage Grove Ave. Prof. A. J. Howe, Librarian. Org. 1858. 9,470 vols.

DEARBORN OBSERVATORY. At Chicago University, 3400 Cottage Grove Ave. Prof. G. W. Hough, Director. Org. 1864. 1,000 vols.

HAMMOND LIBRARY OF THE CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. Ashland and Warren Avenues. Prof. Samuel Ives Curtiss, Librarian. Org. 1858. 6,500 vols.

HOME TEACHING FOR THE BLIND—FREE LIBRARY. Farwell Hall, 148 Madison St. Mrs. Jas. L. Houghteling, Secretary. Org. 1883. 300 volumes of Books for the Blind.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF THE THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Ashland and Ogden Avenues. L. T. Woodcock, Librarian. Org. 1881. 1,277 vols.

NEW CHURCH LIBRARY AND BOOK ROOM. 17 Van Buren St. J. R. Putnam, Librarian. Org. 1880. 300 vols.

NORTH CHICAGO ROLLING MILL LIBRARY. Org. 1870. 700 vols. Has been shut up for the past five years and its operations wholly suspended.

PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. 1060 North Halsted St. E. L. Curtis, Librarian. Org. 1859. 10,000 vols.

ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE. 413 W. 12th St. Rev. John P. Hogan, S. J., Librarian. Org. 1870. 12,000 vols.

SEMINARY OF THE SACRED HEART. 485 West Taylor Street. Madame A. M. Onahan, Librarian

SODALITY LIBRARY. Church of the Holy Family. 12th St. and Blue Island Ave. Philip Farrelly, Librarian. Org. 1865. 1,300 vols.

UNION CATHOLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. 204 Dearborn St. Jos. E. Elder, Librarian. Org. 1868. 3,300 vols.

YOUNG LADIES' SODALITY LIBRARY. Church of the Holy Family. 12th St. and Blue Island Ave. Maggie Ryan, Librarian. Org. 1866. 1,200 vols.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION. 148 Madison St. A. T. Hemingway, Secretary. Org. 1858. 3,000 vols.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. Paulina and West Huron Sts. Org. 1878. 400 vols.

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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen :—The Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library have the honor to present to the City Council, in conformity to the provisions of the act of the General Assembly under which it is established, its fourteenth annual report.

The information which the Directors are required by the seventeenth section of the "Public Library Act" of March 7, 1872, to submit in its annual report to the City Council, is as follows: "The condition of their trust on the first day of June of that year; the various sums of money received from the Library Fund and from other sources, and how such moneys have been expended, and for what purposes; the number of books and periodicals on hand; the number added by purchase, gift or otherwise, during the year; the number lost or missing; the number of visitors attending; the number of books loaned out, and the general character and kind of such books; with such other statistics, information and suggestions as they may deem of general interest."

The financial details as to the condition of the trust on the first day of June, 1886, the sums of money received from the Library Fund and from other sources, and in what manner such moneys have been expended, are fully set forth in the accompanying report of the Secretary.

The information required as to the condition of the Library is given in detail in the accompanying report of the Librarian.

A summary of this information is as follows: The number of volumes in the Library on the first day of June was 119,510, showing a net increase during the preceding year of 7,889 volumes. The number received and entered in the accession catalogue was 10,599. Some of these were to replace volumes which had been worn out, and which had been reported as missing in previous years, and hence did not increase the total number. Of volumes received, 8,245 volumes have been bought, and 2,354 volumes have been given. The amount expended for books was \$9,405.38. The number of books not accounted for was 202. The number of registered book-borrowers was 27,142, an increase of 5 per cent. The number of books taken out for home use was 608,708, an increase of 17 per cent. The daily average circulation for home use was 2,040 volumes. Of the general character of these books, 8.78 per cent. were history and biography; 4.25 per cent. were voyages and travels; 6.62 per cent. were science and art; 4.03 per cent. were poetry and drama; 60.22 per cent. were prose fiction and juvenile books in the English language; 12.05 per cent. were books in the continental languages of Europe; and 4.05 per cent. were in other classes of literature.

The issues of books at the six delivery stations were 108,893, against 65,271 during the preceding year. A seventh station will be opened in a few weeks on Eighteenth street near Blue Island avenue. The Book Delivery Company, the success of which was doubtful from the beginning, cost the Library nothing. It honorably discharged all its obligations and failed for want of sufficient patronage.

The number of visitors to the general reference tables was 66,498, and the number of books used by them was 157,345, an increase of eight per cent. The room for the consultation of works on patents and the books in the medical reference library has had 8,135 visitors, and 21,456 volumes of patents have been consulted. The number of visitors to the reading room was 655,816. The issues of periodicals were 300,305, and of books for use in the read-

ing room were 56,759. The average number of persons visiting the reading room on Sunday, was 1,743. It appears from these statistics that there has been, notwithstanding the cramped and inconvenient accommodations provided in the old rooms, a marked increase in the work and usefulness of the library during the past year, and that its privileges as an educational institution are year by year more highly appreciated by our citizens.

The increase in the issues of books from the delivery stations is a remarkable fact, and shows that these stations bring the benefits of the Library to many citizens living at remote distances from the main collection who would not otherwise be benefited by it. The issues at the main Library have been scarcely affected by the issues at the stations.

The most important fact in the history of the Library during the past year is its removal from the unsuitable quarters it has occupied for the past eleven years to fire-proof rooms in the new City Hall.

The removal began on the 24th of May, and the entire Library is now safe from fire in its new and convenient location. The risks and annoyances of carrying on the work of the Library in the old rooms have for several years been commented upon in the annual reports of this Board. When those rooms were first occupied the Library contained less than 40,000 volumes. It has now grown to nearly 120,000 volumes.

The readers and general work have increased in nearly the same proportion, and not a foot of additional space has been available during these years. Had there been space to shelve the books, the Library at this time would probably contain 150,000 volumes. Relief from the embarrassments attending the occupation of the old rooms could not be postponed until a permanent location was selected and a suitable building erected. In this crisis of the Library's extremities, this Board would gratefully acknowledge the liberality of the Mayor and City Council in tendering

for its use some of the unoccupied and unfinished rooms in the new City Hall. The conditions on which this location was offered were, that the rooms should be finished at the expense of the Library fund, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and when the rooms were vacated by the Library, for the occupation of permanent quarters, the City would restore to the Library fund the amount expended in finishing the rooms. If all the unfinished rooms on the same floor had been assigned to the Library, they could have been profitably used and the public would have been better accommodated. This Board is confident that when the City government comes to appreciate the actual wants of the Library, all the space will be assigned to it which can be spared.

The first reason which made a change necessary was to escape the risks of fire. That object has been attained. The second was to secure more space for the shelving of books, for the use of the reference department, for the administration work of the Library, and for the general accommodation of the public. This object has been only partially attained, as will appear by a comparison of space in the old and new quarters. The actual floor space occupied in the old rooms was 16,324 square feet. Every department was cramped for want of room, and there was no opportunity for expansion in the future. The floor space assigned to the Library in the City Hall is 15,383 square feet. A platform, or gallery, measuring 4,536 square feet, has been put in the large hall for use of the readers of current periodicals, making 20,919 square feet, or 3,595 square feet more than was available in the old rooms. This additional space has been used as follows:

It has been necessary (1) to assign a larger space than formerly to cases for the shelving of books; (2) to the reference department, for which an admirable room has been assigned; (3) to the patent department and medical reference library; (4) to the administration department, for which there were scarcely any accommodations in the old rooms.

To make these expansions, the 3,595 additional square feet were not enough. Hence it has been necessary to discontinue, temporarily, the department of current American newspapers which was maintained in the old reading rooms. The files of foreign newspapers, however, will be continued, and may be consulted in the reading room for periodicals. The Chicago newspapers and a few others of which the Library has bound files, will still be taken, in order to keep up an unbroken series. There is a large unfinished room opposite the Council Chamber, now used as a lumber room, which, if available for the use of the Library, would make an excellent reading room for newspapers.

The new rooms will be lighted with Edison electric incandescent lamps. Easy access to them will be by elevators with which the building is well supplied. The two new elevators in the center of the building are for the exclusive use of visitors to the Library and will not stop at the intermediate landings.

In the present needs and emergencies of the Public Library, the occupation of the City Hall is a fortunate incident; and yet it must be regarded as only a temporary expedient until a permanent location and building of its own can be furnished. It will soon outgrow these quarters, and even the largest accommodations which can be spared. The City is growing rapidly, and these quarters will soon be needed for legislative business and offices of the City departments. The permanent home of the Public Library should be on Dearborn Park, and its future needs will demand all the space that plat affords. Some of our citizens in considering this matter see only the present wants of the Library. In eleven years its wants have increased three-fold, and will increase perhaps more rapidly in the years to come. These citizens, although friendly to the interests of the Library, do not consider its future wants, and are not familiar with the experience of other large and rapidly-growing libraries. Hence, by petitions to Congress and work in the committee-rooms at Washington, they clamor for the

use of some portion of Dearborn Park for other purposes. Not one of the claimants professes to represent any municipal interest; and, unless claiming to be working in behalf of the Public Library, would have no standing before a committee of Congress. At the session of Congress in May, 1884, the claim of the Public Library to Dearborn Park was presented to the House Committee of the Judiciary by a member of Congress from this city and a delegation from this Board. By a unanimous vote of that committee a bill was reported giving the Library the use of the entire Park. The bill failed to be enacted because it was not reached on the calendar when Congress adjourned. Dearborn Park was originally dedicated as "public grounds," for the benefit of the public at large; and Congress, which still holds the fee under the common-law dedication, will hardly consent that any part of it shall ever be used for other than a public purpose, notwithstanding the fact that a bill to the contrary has lately passed the Senate.

During the past year this Board has patiently listened to the proposals of numerous committees of public-spirited and estimable gentlemen representing societies, corporations and building projects, and desiring to unite with this Board in procuring from Congress some portion of Dearborn Park for the use of the Public Library, and some other portion for the object in which each of them was specially interested. It is pleasant to know that some of these objects, excellent in themselves, are now being provided for in other locations, and that the friends of other projects are becoming discouraged in the prospect of attaining from Congress any portion of Dearborn Park. The expression of public sentiment has now become nearly unanimous that Dearborn Park *must* be the home of the Public Library, and that its future growth in that location should not be hampered by the use of any portion of the land for other purposes.

Reflecting on the brief history of this institution, one is necessarily impressed with its rapid and almost unprecedented growth. The increase in public favor has gone on

hand in hand with the increase in books on the shelves; and their circulation has had a larger percentage in proportion to its stock of books than that of any other library of similar size in the country.

While this remarkable advancement is largely due to the liberality of the provisions made for it by the local government, the Board takes pleasure in stating that in the administration of the affairs of the Library it has been greatly assisted by the intelligent management of its officers.

Starting as it did from a donation of books made in England after the great fire of 1871, located in unostentatious quarters, and always hampered for want of room, it has in the period of fourteen years rapidly developed its usefulness and importance, and is steadily and surely pushing its way to the front rank of American libraries.

Respectfully,

BERNARD CALLAGHAN, <i>President</i> ,	}	<i>Directors.</i>
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, }
CHICAGO, JUNE, 14, 1886. }

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC
LIBRARY:

Gentlemen.—As required by the seventh section of the Act of the General Assembly, under which the Library is established, I herewith submit the following financial and statistical statements for the year ended May 31, 1886:

ACCOUNT WITH THE COMPTROLLER.

RECEIPTS.

From City Comptroller on Vouchers
issued by the Library Board..... \$60,022 55

EXPENDITURES.

For Salaries.....	\$32,202 76
Books.....	9,405 38
Binding.....	4,206 54
Rent—eleven months.....	3,666 66
Newspapers and Periodicals.....	1,444 84
Lighting.....	1,141 00
Insurance.....	1,597 50
Printing and Stationery.....	886 23
Delivery Stations.....	1,704 90
Heating.....	313 50
Furniture and Fixtures.....	248 98
Freight and Expressage.....	190 34
Postage.....	185 68
Incidental Expenses.....	1,035 62
Finding Lists.....	627 12
Moving Account.....	1,145 00
Refunded for Books Found.....	20 50
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	\$60,022 55

Revenue received from the following sources, and paid monthly to the City Comptroller:

From Fines.....	\$3,673 24	
Sale of Old Papers.....	27 69	
Sale of Finding Lists.....	644 30	
Micellaneous....	57 70	
B'ks p'd for by Chic. Med. So..	10 02	
Sale of Duplicates.....	21 92	
Books Lost and Paid for.....	302 59	
	<hr/>	\$4,737 46

BOOKS.

Number of Books in the Library, June 1, 1886....	119,510
“ “ purchased, year ended May 31, '86	8,245
“ “ Donated, “ “ “ “	2,354
“ “ Unaccounted for “ “ “	202

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
County of Cook. } ss.

I, W. B. WICKERSHAM, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library, do solemnly affirm that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

Affirmed to and subscribed before me, this 28th day of June, A. D., 1886.

[SEAL.] CHAS. D. GASTFIELD,
Notary Public.

THE LIBRARY FUND.

To the credit of this Fund, June 1, 1886:

Fund of 1877.....	\$2,799 75	
Fund of 1878.....	7,896 94	
Fund of 1879.....	12,837 75	
	<hr/>	\$23,534 44

Fund of 1885, Jan. 1, 1886....	\$ 61,943 70	
Transferred to Board of Public Works, Feb. 25, '86, \$15,000 00		
Transferred to Board of Public Works, May 28, '86, \$10,000 00	25,000 00	
	<hr/>	36,943 70
Fund of 1886:		
Appropriation March 8.....	\$ 69,979 14	
Misc. receipts, Jan. 1, to May 31, '86.....	2,177 49	
Total appropriation and miscellaneous receipts.....	72,156 63	
Expended Jan. 1, to May 31, '86	23,615 34	
	<hr/>	48,541 29
Total Resources of Library June 1, 1886.....	\$109,019 43	

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. WICKERSHAM,

Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

CHICAGO, June 12, 1886.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor herewith to submit my thirteenth annual report on the statistics and condition of the Public Library for the official year which closed May 31, 1886.

By the generous action of the Mayor and City Council, the problem of escaping from the most hazardous, cramped and inaccessible quarters in which a large public library was ever located, has at last been happily solved. It is a matter of general congratulation that this valuable Library has been removed before the calamity of fire came upon it, and that it is now housed in these elegant, spacious and fire-proof quarters in the new City Hall. With the growth of the Library, the inconveniences of the old rooms have been increasing from year to year, until they had become insupportable, and relief could not be postponed until a permanent location was secured and a new building erected. It is not easy to find in the central portions of a crowded city a suitable temporary location for a large library which now needs a floor space of 25,000 square feet, and will soon need 40,000. These rooms in the new City Hall will accommodate the public, and will meet in a reasonable manner the wants of the Library until it has secured a permanent location and has its own building, one especially constructed to meet the future and expanding needs of a Public Library in this great metropolis of the West. The work of removal to the new rooms began on the 24th of May, and is now completed, although the finishing of the rooms and the arrangement of the books are still in progress. Every detail as to the

methods of transferring several hundred tons of books and furniture from the old to the new quarters and as to their arrangement in the new rooms was settled before the work began, and the entire scheme has been carried out without delay or accident.

The statistics which follow show that the work of the Library has been largely increased during the past year. The net increase in the number of books in the Library has been 7,889 volumes. The daily average of books taken out for home use has increased from 1,704 to 2,040. There has been a corresponding increase in the statistics of the reference department and the reading-room. The issues of books from the Delivery Stations has increased from 65,271 to 108,893.

The following statistics give the details of the work of the Library in each of its departments. A compendious statement of the Library's statistics for the past twelve years will be found in Appendix "A."

BOOKS.

The present number of books in the Library is 119,510. The number reported last year was 111,621, making a net increase of 7,889 volumes. The number of volumes entered in the accession catalogue was 10,599, of which 2,354 were given and 8,245 were bought, which includes volumes which replaced worn-out and condemned books, and hence do not increase the total number of books in the Library. Deductions have also been made for reported missing books in previous years. The number of volumes worn out and condemned the past year was 1,816, of which 1,007 were English prose fiction, 559 juvenile books, 142 German literature, and 108 in twelve other classes. Of pamphlets 166 have been bought, and 1,161 given, being a total accession of 1,327 pamphlets. The amount expended for books was \$9,405.38.

The following table gives the number of volumes in the Library, arranged in thirty classes, and the number of accessions to each class during the year, as appears in the acces-

sion catalogue. As these accessions in some instances replace books worn out or missing, they do not necessarily indicate the net additions to each class:

	Total Acces- sions of the year.	Total No. of volumes in Library.
History.....	411	7,437
Biography.....	253	4,789
Travels.....	263	4,594
Poetry and Drama.....	132	2,663
Essays and Miscellanies.....	114	2,165
Polygraphy and Collected Works.....	67	2,158
Fine Arts.....	78	1,353
Natural Sciences.....	136	3,200
Practical Arts (including Patents).....	424	7,000
Political and Social Science.....	239	2,567
Language and Literature.....	65	1,609
Mental and Moral Science.....	66	1,492
Ancient Classics.....	11	582
Religion.....	96	3,437
Medicine.....	1,966	3,857
Law.....	24	547
Periodicals and Newspapers.....	953	12,154
Government Doc's and State Papers...	400	6,881
Bibliography.....	93	938
Dictionaries and Encyclopedias.....	41	1,543
English Prose Fiction.....	1,375	17,276
Juvenile Literature.....	754	4,144
German Literature.....	1,181	13,429
French Literature.....	1,326	5,362
Italian Literature.....	3	180
Spanish Literature.....	114	159
Dutch Literature.....	3	1,071
Bohemian Literature.....	....	2,535
Polish Literature.....	....	1,006
Scandinavian Literature.....	11	3,382
Total.....	10,599	119,510

BOOK BORROWERS.

The present number of book-borrowers is 27,142, an increase of 5 per cent. over 25,906, the number reported last year. These persons hold cards, each secured by the certificate of a responsible guarantor, which entitle them to draw books from the Library for home use for the period of two years. Each card is canceled at the expiration of two years from date of its issue, when a new registration must be made on a new certificate of guaranty. The number of cards issued during the year was 13,845, of which 8,594 were to males, and 5,251 to females. The number of cards issued during the preceding year was 13,297, showing an increase of 4 per cent.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The circulating department has been open for the delivery of books 298½ days, six and a half days less than during the previous year. The Library was closed from May 24th to the 29th, for removal to the City Hall. The number of volumes taken out for home use was 608,708. The number reported in 1885 was 519,691 ; in 1884, 429,313 ; and in 1883, 376,475.

The daily average circulation during the past year was 2,040 ; in 1885, 1,704 ; and in 1884, 1,404. The increase the past year over the preceding year has been 17 per cent. The largest number of books taken out in one day was 3,897, on January 4th, and the smallest number, 1,221, on October 19th. The average evening circulation was 242, against 204 reported in 1885, and 197 in 1884. The amount received for fines was \$3,673.24.

The following table shows the circulation and daily average, month by month, for the past two years :

1885-86.				1884-85.			
MONTH.	Days.	Circulation.	Daily Average	MONTH.	Days.	Circulation.	Daily Average.
June	26	43,452	1,675	June	25	33,007	1,320
July	26	43,158	1,660	July	26	35,896	1,381
August	25	45,658	1,826	August	26	38,274	1,472
September	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	44,233	1,734	September	26	35,599	1,369
October	27	51,453	1,900	October	27	39,427	1,460
November	24	50,602	2,108	November	23	40,639	1,767
December	26	54,779	2,107	December	26	45,491	1,750
January	24	60,858	2,536	January	26	52,065	2,003
February	23	59,740	2,597	February	23	51,092	2,221
March	27	64,144	2,374	March	26	55,100	2,119
April	26	54,875	2,111	April	26	49,436	1,901
May	19	35,666	1,877	May	25	43,665	1,679
Total	298 $\frac{1}{2}$	608,708	2,040	Total	305	519,691	1,704

DELIVERY STATIONS

The experiment of establishing Delivery Stations in different parts of the city which was made two years ago, has been eminently successful, and the issues of books during the past year at these stations have been 108,893 volumes against 65,271 volumes during the preceding year. The average daily issues were 365 volumes. The stations are located from two to three and a-half miles from the main Library, and a messenger visits each of them twice a day, and taking the orders supplies the books on his next trip. Borrowers remote from the Library have been greatly accommodated by this method of receiving and returning their books. No practical difficulty has arisen in the administration of the system. More than one-sixth of the circulation is now done by this system. The Board has voted to establish a seventh station on Eighteenth street near Blue Island avenue, and it will go into operation when the Library is re-opened in its new quarters in the City Hall. Three of the stations are in the West Division, two in the South Division, and one in the North Division. The following list shows the location, the person in charge, and the number of books issued at each of them :

Station.	Location.	In Charge of	Issues.
I.....	154 22d street.....	P. V. Fitzpatrick	19,507
II.....	482 S. Halsted street.....	Frank Kotzum	22,168
III.....	409 Milwaukee Ave.....	Paul O. Stensland.....	10,502
IV.....	817 W. Madison St.....	R. C. Holland.....	19,482
V.....	849 Division street.....	Robert E. Burke.....	18,951
VI.....	283 81st street.....	A. N. Dunning	18,208
Total			108,898
Last year			65,271

The following table shows the issues of each of the Delivery Stations, month by month :

ISSUES OF THE DELIVERY STATIONS :

STA- TION	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	Totals.
I....	1740	1620	1631	1557	1793	1653	1755	1720	1746	1796	1549	947	19,507
II....	1477	1640	1548	1592	1791	1865	2096	2174	2090	2441	2023	1431	22,168
III....	729	797	634	598	819	923	1037	1116	1074	1139	966	675	10,502
IV....	1474	1433	1428	1430	1638	1524	1727	1777	1894	2270	1940	947	19,482
V....	1441	1216	1118	1338	1509	1405	1608	1788	1780	2332	2025	1391	18,951
VI....	606	918	1069	1154	1464	1638	1752	1945	2010	2245	2086	1396	18,208
Total	7467	7624	7428	7664	9014	9008	9975	10520	10594	12223	10589	6787	108898

Of the books issued at the Delivery Stations, 85.7 per cent. were in the English language ; 7.5 per cent. were in the German language ; 3 per cent. were in the Scandinavian language ; 2.8 per cent. were in the Bohemian language ; .8 per cent. were in the French language, and .2 per cent. were in the Polish language.

"The Book Borrower's Delivery Company," a private corporation, began more than a year ago to deliver and return books for its subscribers who held library cards and resided in remote sections of the city. The service was an accommodation to many citizens not living in the vicinity of any of the Delivery Stations; but the business was found to be unremunerative, and the company retired from the service in November, 1885.

CLASSIFICATION OF THE CIRCULATION.

The following table shows the per centage of circulation in seven classes of books for the past year and for the five preceding years :

	1886.	1885.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.
History and Biography.....	8.78	8.69	8.81	8.72	8.56	8.45
Voyages and Travels.....	4.25	4.49	4.28	4.17	3.98	3.51
Science and Art.....	6.62	6.79	7.12	6.92	6.75	6.40
Poetry and Drama.....	4.08	3.91	3.89	3.85	3.78	3.81
English Prose Fiction and Juveniles..	60.22	60.12	59.73	60.36	61.77	62.88
Works in Continental Languages.....	12.05	11.94	11.97	11.81	11.68	12.10
Miscellaneous.....	4.05	4.01	4.25	4.17	3.58	3.15

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

In my last report I remarked : " We have come to a limit beyond which the usefulness of the reference department cannot be increased until we have more space for the reference tables." In view of the continued cramped and wretched accommodations which have been afforded, it is somewhat remarkable that the number of visitors has increased from 57,690 to 66,498, and the number of books consulted from 145,652 to 157,345. The visitors to the patent room, on the other hand, seem to have fallen off from 13,398 to 8,135, which is still more remarkable as they have had a separate room and better accommodations than ever before. I am inclined to think that the use of the patents has not fallen off as the figures would indicate ; but that the statistics have been more accurately kept than in former years, when there was too much estimate and not enough counting in the figures reported. The past year a record of the use of the patent volumes has been kept, by which it appears that 21,456 volumes have been consulted. These figures are not included in the statistics of the reference department which follow, whereas the use of the medical reference books in the same room have been included.

The following table shows the visitors to the general reference tables, the reference books consulted, and the visitors to the patent room:

MONTH.	1885-'6.			MONTH.	1884-'5.		
	Visitors.	Volumes.	Visitors to Patents.		Visitors.	Volumes.	Visitors to Patents.
June.....	6,309	13,918	773	June.....	4,496	13,962	1,406
July.....	5,275	13,758	836	July.....	4,846	12,616	1,370
August....	4,665	12,576	646	August....	4,683	12,514	1,287
September	5,304	11,881	665	September	4,230	9,750	1,028
October....	5,445	12,589	638	October....	4,468	10,496	1,186
November	5,238	12,288	640	November	4,159	9,808	954
December	5,648	13,198	678	December	4,789	11,723	1,234
January ..	6,394	13,082	746	January ..	6,041	13,461	1,305
February	5,968	13,316	637	February	5,269	12,476	1,102
March	6,928	15,255	807	March.....	5,142	12,922	629
April	5,431	14,903	631	April.....	3,922	11,990	1,022
May	3,896	10,581	438	May.....	5,636	13,874	877
Total ...	66,498	157,345	8,135	Total....	57,690	145,652	13,398

The inconveniences which readers have experienced in the old rooms are ended. A spacious and elegant room in the new quarters has been assigned for the general reference department, and also separate rooms under the charge of a special attendant for the patents and the medical reference library.

READING ROOM.

The number of visitors to the reading room was 655,816, an increase over the preceding year of five per cent. ; and the number of periodicals issued was 300,305, an increase of six per cent. The number of books issued for reading in the room was 56,759, against 58,091 reported last year ; and the daily average of visitors on Sunday was 1,743 against 1,630 reported in 1885.

The following table shows the statistics of the reading room, month by month, for the past two years :

MONTH.	1885-'86.				MONTH.	1884-'85.			
	Visi- tors.	Periodi- cals.	Books.	Sunday Visi- tors.		Visi- tors.	Periodi- cals.	Books.	Sunday Visi- tors.
June.....	47,499	21,843	3,493	1,520	June.....	42,336	19,432	3,472	1,277
July.....	48,050	22,122	3,809	1,413	July.....	43,779	20,430	3,417	1,282
August.....	51,698	23,864	3,080	1,553	August.....	48,355	22,135	3,890	1,391
September.....	47,182	22,357	4,298	1,606	September.....	45,201	20,688	3,625	1,600
October.....	50,258	22,908	4,442	1,551	October.....	48,612	22,269	4,064	1,505
November.....	55,335	25,214	4,904	1,882	November.....	51,901	23,836	4,237	1,839
December.....	63,102	28,570	5,970	1,843	December.....	55,397	25,054	5,289	1,851
January.....	71,070	32,154	6,824	1,985	January.....	58,524	25,689	7,126	1,489
February.....	63,699	28,773	6,054	2,136	February.....	55,548	24,479	6,580	1,914
March.....	66,252	30,265	5,712	2,107	March.....	66,228	29,586	7,053	2,098
April.....	53,627	24,655	4,119	1,777	April.....	56,608	25,757	5,090	1,751
May.....	38,044	17,680	2,686	1,560	May.....	50,756	23,268	4,243	1,560
Total.....	655,811	300,305	56,759	1,743	Total.....	623,245	282,623	58,091	1,630

The good order and the reasonable sanitary condition of the atmosphere which have been maintained in the reading room during the past year must be largely attributed to the services of the faithful officer whom the police department has kindly detailed for constant attendance, with the authority of excluding vagrant and filthy persons who would make the reading room a resort. The future location of the reading room for periodicals in the gallery of the main hall, will make the duties of this officer more necessary, and require him to be more exacting than ever before. For want of space in the new quarters, the Board has found it necessary to suspend, temporarily, the files of current American newspapers. The foreign newspapers taken will be continued, and will be issued from the desk of the periodical reading room.

The number of serials on file during the past year was 481, of which 325 were classed as periodicals, and 156 as newspapers. Of the periodicals, 232 were bought, and 93 given; 168 being American, 84 English, 51 German, 6 French, 7 Bohemian, 6 Scandinavian, and 3 of other nationalities. Of the newspapers, 56 were dailies, and 100 weeklies; and 10 dailies and 78 weeklies were given by their publishers.

ADMINISTRATION.

Twenty-nine persons were employed in the day service, and nine in the evening service. Five persons are on the

list of substitutes, whose services are used when needed. These, with the janitor and night-watchman, makes the total number of employes forty-five, the same as reported last year.

FINDING-LIST.

The total number of copies of the Finding List sold in the several forms in which it is issued, was 2,798. Of these 149 were Parts I. and II., sold at fifty cents each; 1,168 of Part I., at thirty-five cents; 252 of Part II. at fifteen cents; and 1,227 copies of the first supplement were sold at ten cents each. The amount received for finding lists was \$644.30. The second supplement is in preparation and nearly ready for the press.

BINDING

The number of books sent to the bindery was 9,183. The number repaired by the library attendants was 5,065, and the number put in Emerson binders was 17. P. Ringer & Co., and Theodore Asmus have been the contractors for binding for several years, and their work has been satisfactory. The amount expended for binding was \$4,206.54.

THE LIBRARY AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Ten of the public schools have availed themselves of the privilege of drawing books from the Library for the use of the pupils, namely, West Division, High, Brown, Dore, Emerson, Keith, Scammon, Wallace, Webster, Wentworth avenue and West Jackson. The number of books issued to the schools was 1,345, all of which were promptly returned, and no fine for delinquency has been assessed in any instance. The committee of the Board of Education having in charge the "Relation of the Public Schools to the Public Library," have elaborated a plan for extending the use of library books to all the schools; but the plan, not having been perfected in all its details, has not yet gone into operation. As the location of the library has now been brought into close proximity to that of the Board of Education, it is to be hoped

that the relations of the two Boards will be closer, and that the joint work of these two great educational factors will be more effective.

ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

The annual examination of the Library has been carefully made by the same methods which have been pursued in previous years, namely: by checking off from the shelf-lists, which are a complete inventory of the Library, the books found on the shelves, and accounting for those not in their places as far as it could be done. Of some we had the record of their being in circulation, others of being at binders'; some were lost and paid for, and others were on the list of books worn out and condemned. Books which are not accounted for are regarded as missing; but a considerable number of them will hereafter be found. Sixty-one volumes of those reported missing last year has reappeared. The work has been done without calling the books or interrupting the circulation. The list of books missing or unaccounted for numbers 202 volumes,* of which 96 are English prose fiction and juvenile books; 21 in science and art; 18 in German literature; 11 in history and biography; 3 in Scandinavian literature; 5 in French literature; 2 in poetry and drama; 2 in language and history of literature; 1 in medicine; 0 in travels; 1 in religion; 27 reference books; 9 magazine and 6 miscellaneous.

*At the date of printing this report (September, 1886,) 45 of the 202 books reported above as unaccounted for have been found. It was deemed advisable, after the books were removed to the City Hall, were arranged on the shelves, and before any were put in circulation, to make a re-examination, in order to ascertain if books were lost or stolen during the removal. Such a re-examination was made, and the first result showed 140 more books to be accounted for, of which 53 have since been found. The total number at the present date unaccounted for at both examinations is 244, which is 27 per cent. less than the yearly average of books unaccounted for during the past eleven years.

THE NEW ROOMS.

For the information of the public I will conclude this report with a brief description of the rooms now occupied by the Library. They are sixteen in number, and are situated

on the fourth floor of the new City Hall. They are accessible by eight elevators, two of which, in the center of the building, are for the exclusive use of visitors to the Library, and will not stop at the intermediate landings. These elevators are spacious, of the most approved construction, and will make the trip in twenty seconds. The most convenient access to them is by the entrances on La Salle street.

The circulating department is in the large hall which measures 81' 9" x 96' 6", and is 26' 6" high. This room is the main depository of the books. A platform or gallery (56' 6" x 81' 9") is thrown across this room from north to south, leaving a space twenty feet wide on the east and west sides, where the windows are, which is not covered. This platform will be used by the readers of current periodicals. The service in the circulating department will be similar to that in the old rooms—the books being returned to the central desk. Ladies will apply for and receive their books over the counter at the right, gentlemen at the left, and youth at the extreme left. The reference room (42' 6" x 43' 6") is a spacious and elegant apartment, and attached to it is a room (16' x 39') for the storage of reference books. The patents and medical reference library are kept in three rooms (20' x 24', and 12' 6" x 24', and 10' x 17') at the northeast corner of the building on the same floor, the two more southerly rooms being used for the storing of the patents, and the northerly room for the consultation of the patents and the medical reference books and periodicals. The room at the northeast corner of the main library room, (17' x 25' 6"), is used for the work of the Delivery Stations, and for superintendence of the binding. The Librarian's office (13' x 24') is in the southwest corner. The Secretary and cataloguers occupy an adjacent room (21' x 23'). The Director's room, (21' x 24'), and a committee room, (13' x 23' 6") are in the southeast corner. There are six entresol rooms over the four last named. Those on the west side are used as the female employés retiring room, a room for duplicates and a storage room. On the east side is a retiring room for the

male employés, a room for storing and arranging unbound serials, and a room for pamphlets.

As the fourth story of the City Hall is higher than the adjoining buildings, day light is uninterrupted on every side. For artificial light four hundred and sixty Edison incandescent electric lamps furnish abundant light in every part of the room, as well as among the book cases. The rooms are heated by the system of indirect steam radiation used in the building, with the addition of direct steam radiators wherever they are needed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. POOLE,

Librarian.

APPENDIX A. SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FROM 1875 TO 1886.

	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.
Books in the Library.....	39,326	49,024	51,400	57,954	60,428	67,772	77,140	87,273	94,606	106,241	111,621	119,510
Total Accessions.....	31,053	10,251	3,399	7,576	4,287	8,440	11,038	11,038	9,416	12,973	6,826	10,599
Purchased.....	20,122	8,056	2,441	5,544	3,010	7,799	9,814	9,691	8,065	11,799	5,692	8,245
Donated.....	969	2,195	938	1,332	1,277	641	2,106	1,347	1,351	1,173	1,144	2,354
Expended for.....	\$8,410 63	\$10,784 19	\$2,504 17	\$9,078 06	\$2,907 34	\$7,404 52	\$10,843 72	\$10,052 62	\$10,814 52	\$12,995 86	\$6,809 14	\$9,403 38
Worn out.....	38	463	1,015	1,301	1,848	1,137	2,502	906	2,082	1,237	698	1,816
Unaccounted for.....	322	421	286	186	185	160	951	207	383	1,775	392	302
Pamphlets, Accession of.....	1,944	354	282	419	1,037	487	848	2,133	1,442	604	3,301	1,327
New Registration of Book Borrowers.....	30,710	9,843	11,531	9,305	9,130	9,505	10,905	10,241	11,174	12,609	13,397	13,845
Circulation of Books.....	399,156	405,747	398,090	354,506	368,438	306,751	332,801	349,977	376,475	450,313	519,691	608,708
Daily Average.....	1,313	1,366	1,301	1,166	1,305	1,002	1,161	1,144	1,259	1,404	1,794	2,040
Largest issue, one day.....	2,539	2,631	2,501	3,309	2,339	2,176	2,431	2,358	2,654	3,317	3,739	3,897
Smallest issue, one day.....	329	698	733	572	692	618	636	676	637	694	1,007	1,221
Received for Fines.....	\$2,648 72	\$2,831 44	\$2,710 64	\$1,059 57	\$1,882 70	\$1,775 72	\$2,064 35	\$2,169 18	\$2,230 26	\$2,954 32	\$3,688 00	\$3,673 44
Reading Room, Periodicals on File.....	288	385	290	210	238	321	241	262	265	284	328	325
Newspapers on File.....	80	104	91	98	118	128	130	124	123	141	148	156
Visitors.....	236,021	238,795	190,760	181,052	186,588	180,596	302,796	366,118	543,456	603,392	625,345	655,816
Periodicals Issued.....	135,355	138,934	127,423	115,275	119,547	124,597	184,617	196,471	294,649	285,432	289,612	300,305
Sunday Readers, Av.....	569	360	296	280	300	397	688	1,090	1,587	1,705	1,639	1,743
Cost of Serials.....	\$1,915 94	\$2,300 55	\$1,465 14	\$1,277 28	\$1,635 52	\$1,705 64	\$1,677 66	\$1,354 34	\$2,158 28	\$1,797 72	\$1,941 68	\$1,444 84
Reference Department Visitors.....	.....	5,528	8,375	16,916	20,214	28,105	32,340	38,484	42,734	50,696	57,699	66,498
Issues.....	.....	18,283	15,790	37,498	63,691	68,115	97,564	117,074	134,408	176,360	145,652	157,345
Binding, Cost of.....	\$1,991 80	\$4,356 57	\$2,963 25	\$2,723 55	\$3,984 02	\$2,167 01	\$3,394 65	\$2,814 47	\$3,335 61	\$3,618 02	\$3,618 02	\$4,200 54
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Beijers, J. L., Utrecht.....	1	5
Belvidere, Ill., Public Library.....	--	1
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Birmingham, England, Public Library.....	--	1
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Blair, Hon. Henry W., U. S. S. for New Hampshire.....	4	--
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Boston Board of Health.....	8	2
Boston, Children's Hospital.....	--	1
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Buffalo Library.....	1	1
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Eads, James B., New York.....	--	1
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Edinburgh Royal Observatory.....	1	--
Elliot, Frank M., Evanston, Ill.....	--	1
Ellis, Dr. George E., Boston.....	1	--
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Engle, Mrs. Alice B., Hyde Park, Ill.....	1	--
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Fisk, Prof. Willard, Ithaca, N. Y.....	--	1
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Franklin Institute.....	--	1
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King, John Lyle	--	1
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Larned, Walter C., Lake Forest, Ill.	2	--
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library	--	1
Leamington, England, Public Library	--	1
Leeds, England, Public Library	--	1
Leicester, Mass., Public Library	--	1
Lejeune, George	4	--
Levi Parsons Library, Gloversville, N. Y.	--	1
Linderfeldt, Klas August, Milwaukee	1	--
Liverpool Literary and Philosophical Society	1	--
Logan, Hon. John A.	17	--
London, Corporation of the City of	1	--
Louisiana State Board of Health	6	4
Lowell, Mass., Middlesex Mechanics' Association	--	1
Lynn, Mass., Public Library	--	2
McDaid, Henry O.	--	1
McDonnell Bros.	--	1
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Manchester, England, Medical Society	--	1
Manchester, England, Public Libraries	--	1
Manchester, N. H., City Library	--	1
Marcus, Alfred A., New York	--	1
Massachusetts Board of Health	2	--
Massachusetts Drainage Commission	1	--
Massachusetts State Department	6	--
Massachusetts Medical Society	--	2
Means, Dr. T. A., Montgomery, Alabama	1	--
Medill, Joseph	9	--
Melrose, Mass., Public Library	--	1
Memphis Board of Health	--	18
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Oldberg, Dr. Oscar.....	2	--
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Philosophical Society of Washington.....	1	--
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By-Laws and Regulations: Messrs. HYNES, MANNHARDT and BRADLEY.

* President of the Board until his resignation in May, 1887. As a member he was succeeded May 23, 1887, by William H. Beebe.

† Deceased January 22, 1887, and was succeeded February 14, 1887, by J. Harley Bradley.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

Librarian: WILLIAM F. POOLE.

Assistant Librarians:

WILLIAM B. WICKERSHAM, E. F. L. GAUSS,
FRED. H. HILD, ELIZABETH A. YOUNG,
KATE M. HENNEBERRY.

Library Assistants:

EDWARD ANGLIM,	SOPHIE WARHANIK,
JOHN R. PATTERSON,	HATTIE HYDE,
WM. A. PURER,	MAGGIE J. CLINE,
ELIZA KEON,	MAY I. CARROLL,
LILYAN MORAWSKI,	ANNA DWYER,
EMILY S. ROOKS,	STEPHANIE SKORAZINSKA,
CARRIE L. ELLIOTT,	MARY E. WOLCOTT,
REIDAR ARENTZ,	ALICE BROWN,
OTILIE GOLDBERGER,	VIRGINIA A. SHERWOOD,
JOHN F. WHELAN,	OTTO GOLDBERGER,
JOHN P. FITZPATRICK,	JAMES KELLY,
MAGGIE KEARNEY,	FRANK E. WASKA,
ANNA FITZGERALD,	JAMES REZNY,
MAY BOSTETTER,	CARL B. RODEN,
CHARLES LHOTKA,	LOUIS LOULA,

JOHN KOSTKA.

Evening Attendants:

A. E. NICKERSON, <i>Supt.</i>	M. C. STOCK,
ED. L. DWORAK,	JOHN H. TAUCHEN,
ERNST J. OHRENSTEIN,	FRANK H. PENNY,
JOHN STEISKAL,	B. M. WIEDINGER,

CARL BUSHNELL.

Janitors: N. S. PURVANCE, EMIL SCHOENBACHER,
JOHN W. HASTIE.

Night Watchman: W. A. SMITH.

Expressman for Delivery Stations: MORRIS ROSENSTOCK.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

In conformity to the provisions of the act of the General Assembly of Illinois, under which the Chicago Public Library was established, the Board of Directors have the honor to present to the City Council its fifteenth annual report.

The seventh section of the "Public Library Act," approved March 7, 1872, requires that the Board of Directors submit to the City Council in its annual report information on the matters which follow, namely: "The condition of their trust on the first day of June of that year; the various sums of money received from the Library Fund and from other sources, and how such moneys have been expended, and for what purposes; the number of books and periodicals on hand; the number added by purchase, gift or otherwise, during the year; the number lost or missing; the number of visitors attending; the number of books loaned out, and the general character and kind of such books; with such other statistics, information and suggestions as they may deem of general interest."

The total expenditures of the Library during the past year have been \$70,916.77, of which the following sums were spent on account of, or incidental to, moving to the City Hall, namely: actual moving expenses \$1,534.70; furniture and fixtures \$5,964.91; and incidental expenditures

of \$2,546.00, making a total of \$10,045.61, leaving a balance expended for the maintainance of the Library of \$60,871.16. All the details of receipts and expenses will be found in the accompanying report of the Secretary, where will also be found full particulars as to the present condition of the Library Fund. The total resources of the Library Fund on June 1, 1887, including the appropriation for 1887, was \$105,268.38. This amount does not include the \$40,000 set apart from the Library Fund for the purpose of finishing the rooms now occupied by the Public Library in the fourth story of the City Hall, under the authority and conditions of the following resolution passed by the City Council on the 16th of November, 1885, namely:

"Resolved, Sec. 1. That so much of the fourth story of the City Hall as may be deemed necessary for the purpose by the Mayor, the Commissioner of Public Works and the Board of Directors of the Public Library, be set apart for the use of the Public Library until the further order of this Council.

"Sec. 2. That the Library Board be requested and authorized to expend \$25,000 out of moneys heretofore appropriated for Public Library purposes and not expended, or as much as may be necessary, to finish up such rooms as may be set apart in accordance with Section 1, under the supervision of the Commissioner of Public Works.

"Sec. 3. That the Council pledges itself and binds future Councils, as far as it may, to return the money so expended to the Library Board, out of the moneys to be appropriated from the general appropriation bill, whenever the Library shall be removed from such rooms."

The sum of \$25,000 not being sufficient to finish the rooms in the City Hall set apart to the Public Library, a

further sum of \$15,000 was set apart from the Library Fund authorized by resolution of the City Council, on the 26th of July, 1886.

The number of volumes in the Library on the first day of June was 129,129, a net increase during the past year of 9,619 volumes. The number of volumes received and entered in the accession catalogue was 11,353. As 1,734 of these volumes replaced books which had been worn out, or books missing in previous years, they did not increase the total number of books in the Library. Of the volumes received, 9,700 were bought, 1635 were given and 18 were received in exchange of duplicates. The amount expended for books was \$10,439.19. The number of books not accounted for was 85. The number of registered book-borrowers was 29,228, an increase of 7.7 per cent. over the preceding year. The number of books taken out for home use was 626,825, a daily average of 2,263, an increase of 11 per cent. Of the general character of these books, 9.61 per cent. were history and biography; 4.37 per cent. voyages and travels; 6.56 per cent. science and art; 3.97 per cent. poetry and drama; 60.89 per cent. English prose fiction and juveniles; 10.7 per cent. books in the continental languages; and 3.9 per cent were in other classes of literature. The issues of books at the delivery stations was 123,036, against 108,893 reported in 1886, and 65,271 in 1885. The number of visitors for study in the general reference room was 79,345, and in the patent and medical room 7,716, a total of 87,061. The number of books used in the former room was 208,470 and in the latter room 27,797, a total of 236,267, an increase of 28 per cent. The number of visitors to the reading room, where now only periodicals are accessible, was 184,947, and the periodi-

cals issued were 205,951. The average Sunday attendance was 396. Fuller statistics as to the work of the Library during the past year will be found in the report of the Librarian which is herewith appended.

The occupation of the new rooms in the City Hall has fully met the expectations which the Board entertained when a year ago the Library was removed from its former location on the corner of Lake and Dearborn streets to these elegant and convenient quarters. The space now occupied is but little larger than that of the old rooms; but, by giving up the general newspaper room, larger accommodations are afforded for the shelving of books, for the reference department, and for administrative purposes. The excellent elevator service has been very highly appreciated by the public. The heating and electric-lighting of the rooms have been all that could be desired. For the present the Library and the readers are well accommodated, although more space, if it were available, could be used advantageously. With the customary annual growth of the Library, the space now available for the shelving of books will soon be exhausted. Some departments are already becoming crowded. One room on the same floor as the Library measuring about 3100 square feet is still unoccupied. With this room the wants of the Library would be met for some years to come; but with, or without, the use of this additional room, the occupation by the Library of rooms in the City Hall must be regarded as temporary. In ten years the Library will have added to its stock of books more than 100,000 volumes, and, with the room named, there will not be space to accommodate them and their readers. The probabilities, also, are that before the expiration of ten years

the rooms now occupied by the Library will be needed by the city for its increasing municipal business.

The Board has never regarded the occupation by the Library of rooms in the City Hall as other than a temporary arrangement preliminary to the occupation of Dearborn Park as a permanent location. That scheme has been constantly kept in view, and from time to time the Board has petitioned Congress to grant the use of Dearborn Park for that purpose.

JOHN W. ENRIGHT, <i>President</i> ,	}	<i>Directors.</i>
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WM. J. HYNES.		

CHICAGO, JUNE 11, 1887.

Appended will be found a report of the Special Committee on Future Library Building.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC
LIBRARY:

Gentlemen:—The special committee on Future Library Building have had under almost continuous consideration, during the past two years, the subject of congressional legislation with reference to Dearborn Park. It is not now necessary to recite all, or indeed any, of the details, municipal or national, regarding the movement to secure what is known as Dearborn Park for the use of the Chicago Public Library, because of the fact that such minutiae are already familiar to the Public Library Board, to the City Council, and to the citizens of Chicago, and also because no final conclusions have been reached by the Congress of the United States touching this important question. Let it be sufficient to refer to several steps in legislation and otherwise which have been taken to provide permanent quarters for the Chicago Public Library.

Many public spirited citizens of Chicago long ago were impressed with the importance of having a suitable building for the exclusive use of the Public Library, to provide at once for the literary treasures it contained and for those appointments necessary to the success of such an institution, which has been appropriately named the "People's University." The property known as Dearborn Park was, and for years had practically been, so much waste land. The idea of rededicating, through proper congressional action, this tract of 62,500 square feet of land to the city of Chicago for the use of the Chicago Public Library, met with very general approval. In the year 1884, therefore, a bill, with this end in view, was drafted by those who favored this measure and was introduced into Congress.

The pressure of other business of general interest, and circumstances over which its supporters had no control, found the bill too far down the congressional calendar at the close of the session to be acted upon.

In the autumn of 1885 the special committee on Future Library Building held a number of conferences with prominent gentlemen representing the various ex-soldier organizations of Chicago, with a view to being mutually helpful in securing Dearborn Park for the Public Library and to have a portion thereof set aside for a Soldiers' Memorial and Historical Hall. The purpose of these representatives of the ex-soldiers' societies was to erect a building upon the Park, in harmony in design with that of the Public Library, and to arrange it so as to make it an interesting and valuable adjunct to the Library. Through the difficulties incident to congressional action and other obstacles, these negotiations were pending, when a bill was introduced into the United States Senate by General Logan, known as Senate bill 925. This bill was introduced into the Senate in January, 1886, and, through Senator Logan's influence, passed that body. It provided for the rededication of the Dearborn Park property to the city of Chicago, for the use of three organizations or bodies—namely, the Chicago Public Library, the Soldiers' Home of Chicago, and the Chicago Academy of Design, to be divided equally among them, one-third to each.

During the year 1886 the special committee on Future Library Building met committees representing the ex-soldiers' bodies and societies, the Soldiers' Home, and the Chicago Academy of Design, to consider the question of harmony of action in pressing Senator Logan's bill in the National House of Representatives. It was, upon the

approval of all the boards and societies interested, agreed that the bill should be so amended in the House as to provide that the Chicago Public Library should be given one-half of the Dearborn Park property, and that the other one-half should be equally divided between the Soldiers' Home and those whom that organization represented, and the Chicago Academy of Design, one-quarter each.

The Board was induced to become party to such an agreement through the representations of several well known men of large public experience, who assured your committee that it would be an impossibility to get a bill through Congress giving the property to the Library alone, as the many friends of both institutions would strenuously oppose it, if the soldiers or the Academy of Design should not be provided for.

Still these gentlemen were evidently mistaken, for the arrangement did not meet with favor with the committee of the House of Representatives at Washington. After due deliberation it recommended to omit the Academy of Design altogether and to give three-quarters of Dearborn Park to the Chicago Public Library for its immediate use, and the whole of it after the lapse of fifty years; this one-quarter to be used in the meantime by the Soldiers' Home as a Memorial Hall.

The conditions recommended in regard to the Memorial Hall are as follows:

“Provided, That the Soldiers' Home in Chicago shall have the right at any time within five years from and after the passage of this act to erect and complete upon the north seventy-six feet and six inches of said Dearborn Park a fire-proof memorial hall, the plans as to the fire-proof quality thereof to be approved by the Commissioner

of Public Works of the city of Chicago; said memorial hall to be used by organizations of soldiers of the civil war and for other public purposes; but no part thereof to be rented for pecuniary profit; and the said Soldiers' Home in Chicago shall have the right to maintain said memorial hall for the purposes named and no others, for the period of not exceeding fifty years from and after the passage of this act; but no part of said memorial hall or of the interest which said Soldiers' Home in Chicago may have in said Dearborn Park under the provisions of this act shall be alienated to any person or corporation except to the Directors of the Chicago Public Library.

“And *provided* further, That upon the expiration of said period of fifty years, or sooner at the option of said Soldiers' Home in Chicago, or if said memorial hall shall not be completed within the said period of five years, or shall be used for any purpose other than those herein and hereby permitted, or shall be alienated in whole or in part contrary to the provisions hereof; then, and in either of said cases, the said memorial hall and all the interests which said Soldiers' Home in Chicago may have in said Dearborn Park under the provisions of this act, shall immediately become vested by operation of law and without further legislation for that purpose in the Directors of the Chicago Public Library.

“And *provided* further, That the consent of all owners of lots abutting or facing on the said Dearborn Park shall be first obtained before the act shall have any operation or effect whatsoever.”

The last proviso was added at the latest meeting of the committee without consultation with the Chicago representatives in the House, in lieu of a proviso contained in the

former draft—namely, “That nothing herein contained shall deprive the owners of contiguous lots of any valid rights or claims, if any such exist, by or on account of this change of dedication originally made by the United States.” It was in evidence before the committee that the occupation of Dearborn Park for the purposes provided in the bill would benefit the contiguous property, and hence the owners of the property would have no valid claims. If, however, the Chicago representatives had been consulted, they would doubtless have recommended the retention of the former proviso.

This amended bill was reported too late in the session to be reached upon the calendar, but there is now a reasonable prospect that with the assistance of our Senators and Representatives in Congress it will be passed early in the next session. The Library, which is now only a guest in the City Hall, will then, with the assistance of your honorable body, be able to build a permanent home upon its own ground. This Board, therefore, regards with favor the recent action of the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and tenders to the Chicago delegation in the last House of Representatives, Messrs. Adams, Lawler, Dunham and Ward, and to Senator Farwell, its sincere and cordial thanks for their aid and counsel in obtaining such legislation in Congress as will secure to the Public Library a permanent location in Dearborn Park.

THOMAS C. MAC MILLAN,
ADOLPH MOSES,
E. MANNHARDT,
JOHN G. SHORTALL.

CHICAGO, June 11, 1887.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

PUBLIC LIBRARY,
CHICAGO, JUNE 11, 1887. }

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC
LIBRARY:

Gentlemen:—As required by the seventh section of the Act of the General Assembly, under which the Library is established, I herewith submit the following financial and statistical statements for the year ended May 31, 1887.

ACCOUNT WITH COMPTROLLER.

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To City Comptroller on Vouchers
issued by the Library Board.... \$ 70,916 77

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By Freight and Expressage.....\$	232 93
“ Postage	224 65
“ Books lost and paid for—money refunded	62 06
“ Books.....	10,439 19
“ Binding	3,760 18
“ Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,065 60
“ Lighting and Heating	3,976 88
“ Salaries	37,621 98
“ Delivery Stations.....	2,067 75
“ Insurance	83 93
“ Rent	666 66
“ Incidental Expenses.....	3,899 60
“ Finding Lists	330 97
“ Newspapers and Periodicals...	1,503 31
“ Printing and Stationery.....	1,157 08
“ Moving Expenses.....	824 00
	————— \$ 70,916 77

Revenue received from the following sources and paid monthly to the City Comptroller:

From Fines	\$3,444 63
“ Sale of Old Papers.....	15 23
“ Sale of Finding Lists.....	616 91
“ Miscellaneous.....	232 23
“ Sale of Duplicates.....	17 16
“ Books Lost and Paid for.....	274 08
“ Balance of Special Moving Fund.....	151 54
Total Amount charged Comptroller.....	<u>\$4,751 78</u>

BOOKS.

Number of Books in the Library, June 1, 1887...	129,129
“ “ purchased, year ended May 31, '87	9,700
“ “ Donated “ “ “ “	1,635
“ “ Unaccounted for “ “ “	85

THE LIBRARY FUND.

To the credit of this Fund, June 1, 1887:

Fund of 1877.....	\$2,799 75
Fund of 1878.....	7,896 94
Fund of 1879.....	12,837 75
Fund of 1887.....	81,733 94

Total Resources of the Library, June 1, 1887, \$105,268 38

In addition to the expenditures shown in this report of the administration of the Library for the year ended May 31, 1887, I beg to make the following statement concerning funds transferred to the Department of Public Works, as authorized by the City Council, for completing the rooms in the City Hall now occupied by the Library, and for the construction of two elevators, viz:

Feb. 25, 1886, Transferred to Dep't. of Public Works as per resolution of City Council, Nov. 16, 1885.....	\$15,000 00
May 28, 1886, Transferred to Dep't. of Public Works as above.....	10,000 00
Aug. 28, 1886, Transferred to Dep't. of Public Works as per resolution of City Council, July 26, 1886.....	15,000 00
Total amount transferred.....	<hr/> \$40,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
County of Cook. } ss.

I. W. B. WICKERSHAM, Secretary of the
Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library, do
solemnly affirm that the foregoing statements are true to
the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

Affirmed to and subscribed before me, this 25th day of
June, A. D., 1887.

E. F. L. GAUSS,
Notary Public.

[SEAL.]

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

CHICAGO, June 11, 1887.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor in accordance with the By-Laws to submit as Librarian my annual report on the statistics and condition of the Public Library for the official year which closed May 31, 1887.

The removal of the Library from its old quarters on the southwest corner of Lake and Dearborn streets, which it had occupied under great disadvantages for eleven years, began May 24, 1886; and the re-arrangement of the books in the new rooms at the City Hall was completed July 5th. On the following day the premises were open for public inspection, and were visited by the city officials, by many prominent citizens, and also by a large number of librarians from the Eastern States who were on their way to Milwaukee to attend the annual meeting of the American Library Association. The new location and the arrangements were highly commended by the visitors. On July 7th the new rooms were opened to the public, and business was resumed in every department.

Although the use of the Library by the public had been suspended for thirty working days, about one-tenth of the whole year, it will be seen from the statistics which follow that in the aggregate, as well as in the daily averages, the use made of the Library during the past year was larger than ever before. A compendious statement of the statis-

tics of the Library for the past twelve years will be found in Appendix "A."

BOOKS.

The present number of books in the Library is 129,129. The number reported last year was 119,510, showing a net increase of 9,619 volumes. The number of volumes received and entered on the accession catalogue was 11,353, of which 1,635 were given, 18 were received by exchange of duplicates, and 9,700 were bought. In the number of 9,700 books bought are included those which replaced worn-out books, and hence do not increase the total number of books in the Library. The number of books worn-out and condemned was 734, of which 363 were English prose fiction, 333 Juvenile books, 25 books in the Continental languages, and 13 in other departments. Of pamphlets 104 have been bought and 2,539 given, being a total accession of 2,643 pamphlets. The amount expended for books was \$10,439.19.

The following table shows the present number of volumes in the Library, the number in each of thirty classes, and the accessions to each class made during the year, as appears in the accession catalogue. These accessions replace, in some instances, books worn-out or missing, and hence they do not necessarily indicate the net additions to each class.

	Total acces- sions of the year.	Total No. of volumes in Library.
History	600	8,021
Biography	375	5,156
Voyages and Travels.....	329	4,914
Poetry and Drama.....	247	2,903
Essays and Miscellanies.....	108	2,261
Polygraphy and Collected Works.....	71	2,224

	Total acces- sions of the year.	Total No. of volumes in Library.
Fine Arts.....	153	1,502
Natural Science.....	120	3,317
Practical Arts (including Patents).....	335	7,326
Political and Social Science.....	209	2,763
Language and Literature.....	187	1,792
Mental and Moral Science.....	68	1,556
Ancient Classics.....	17	598
Religion.....	136	3,568
Medicine.....	103	3,418
Law.....	71	616
Periodicals and Newspapers.....	219	13,371
Government Doc's and State Papers...	803	7,684
Bibliography.....	126	1,064
Dictionaries and Encyclopedias.....	224	1,767
English Prose Fiction.....	2,727	19,441
Juvenile Literature.....	789	4,539
German Literature.....	1,235	14,573
French Literature.....	125	5,466
Italian Literature.....	250	429
Spanish Literature.....	9	168
Dutch Literature.....	....	1,071
Bohemian Literature.....	699	3,231
Polish Literature.....	2	1,207
Scandinavian Literature.....	16	3,383
Totals	11,353	129,129

BOOK BORROWERS.

The present number of book-borrowers is 29,228, an increase of 7.7 per cent. over 27,142, the number reported last year. The number of cards issued during the year,

entitling the owner for two years to draw books for home use, was 15,383, of which 9,795 were issued to males and 5,588 to females. The number of new cards issued during the preceding year was 13,845, which shows an increase of 11 per cent.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The circulating department has been open for the delivery of books 277 days—21 $\frac{1}{2}$ days less than during the year 1885-'86, and 29 days less than the average of preceding years—in consequence of closing for the removal of the Library to the City Hall. Nevertheless 626,825 books were taken out for home use, a number larger than on any preceding year. The number reported in 1886 was 608,708; in 1885, 519,691; in 1884, 429,313, and in 1883, 376,475. The daily average circulation during the past year was 2,263, against 2,040 reported in 1886, 1,704 in 1885, 1,404 in 1884, and 1,259 in 1883. The increase in the daily average circulation during the past year over that of the preceding year, was 11 per cent. The largest number of books taken out on any one day was 4,368, February 19, and the smallest number 1,360 on July 13. The average evening circulation was 286, against 242 in 1886, 204 in 1885, and 197 in 1884. The amount received for fines was \$3,444.63.

The table following shows the circulation and daily averages month by month for the past two years:

1886-87.				1885-86.			
MONTH.	Days.	Circulation.	Daily Average.	MONTH.	Days.	Circulation.	Daily Average.
June.....		Closed.		June.....	26	43,542	1,675
July.....	22	37,847	1,660	July.....	26	43,158	1,660
August.....	26	49,123	1,889	August.....	25	45,658	1,826
September.....	26	48,706	1,873	September.....	25½	44,233	1,734
October.....	26	55,403	2,131	October.....	27	51,453	1,900
November.....	26	57,312	2,292	November.....	24	50,602	2,108
December.....	26	59,732	2,297	December.....	26	54,779	2,107
January.....	25	65,730	2,629	January.....	24	60,858	2,536
February.....	23	65,925	2,866	February.....	23	59,740	2,597
March.....	27	70,935	2,627	March.....	27	64,144	2,374
April.....	25	61,071	2,443	April.....	26	54,875	2,111
May.....	25	55,041	2,202	May.....	19	35,666	1,877
Total.....	277	626,825	2,263	Total.....	298½	608,708	2,040

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The work of the Delivery Stations during the past year has further confirmed the wise policy of establishing them three years ago. The seventh Station went into operation in July last, and the eighth in May of the present year. The number of volumes issued from the stations was 123,036, against 108,893 reported in 1886, and 65,271 in 1885.

The location of these stations, the person in charge and the number of books issued at each station are as follows:

Station.	Location.	In Charge of	Issues.
I.....	154 22d street.....	Patrick V. Fitzpatrick.	15,578
II.....	278 W. 12th street.....	Frank Kotzum.....	21,472
III.....	409 Milwaukee Ave.....	Paul O. Stensland.....	9,592
IV.....	817 W. Madison St.....	Richard C. Holland....	16,093
V.....	349 Division street.....	Robert E. Burke.....	20,308
VI.....	233 31st street.....	Alvah N. Dunning.....	20,766
VII.....	531 W. 18th street.....	Anton Janes.....	19,012
VIII.....	1030 Milwaukee Ave.....	Charles J. Heib.....	215
Total.....			123,036

The following table shows the issues of each of the Delivery Stations month by month:

STA- TION.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	Totals.
I.....	980	1,223	1,323	1,358	1,501	1,612	1,672	1,474	1,638	1,437	1,360	1,360	15,578
II.....	1,702	1,640	1,666	1,536	2,026	2,181	2,340	2,118	2,286	1,845	1,829	1,829	21,472
III.....	597	644	689	814	853	974	923	932	1,169	1,053	944	944	9,592
IV.....	1,097	1,219	1,234	1,357	1,402	1,414	1,553	1,749	2,001	1,638	1,429	1,429	16,093
V.....	1,145	1,406	1,520	1,771	1,840	1,869	1,935	2,017	2,539	2,080	2,080	2,080	20,308
VI.....	1,200	1,716	1,692	1,976	1,982	1,952	1,953	2,094	2,477	2,043	1,881	1,881	20,766
VII.....	104	180	515	1,754	2,238	2,400	2,798	2,580	2,632	2,051	1,760	1,760	19,012
VIII.....	Closed											215	215
Total..	6,825	8,028	8,636	10,766	11,842	12,402	13,174	12,964	14,742	12,150	11,504	123,036	

The work of a new station, No. VII., is quite remarkable. It is located nearly three miles from the Library, in the midst of a settlement of Bohemians who are a laboring people and seldom come to the part of the city where the Library is situated. Before the establishment of this station only 2.8 per cent of the books issued at all of the stations were in the Bohemian language. The issue of books at this station is now larger than any other; and the proportion of books in the Bohemian language issued at all the stations has risen to 12.12 per cent. Many books in the English, German and other languages are also issued at this station, which would not have reached the community except for the establishment of this station. The daily average issues at all the stations during the past year was 444, and the preceding year, 365. Of the books issued at the Delivery Stations 77.47 per cent. were in the English language; 12.12 per cent. in the Bohemian language; 6.22 were in the German language; 2.5 were in the Scandinavian languages; .95 per cent. in the French language; .57 per cent. in the Polish language; and .17 per cent. in other modern languages.

CLASSIFICATION OF THE CIRCULATION.

The following table shows the percentage of circulation in seven classes of books for the past year and for the five preceding years:

	1887.	1886.	1885.	1884.	1883.	1882.
History and Biography.....	9.61	8.78	8.69	8.81	8.72	8.56
Voyages and Travels.....	4.37	4.25	4.49	4.23	4.17	3.98
Science and Art.....	6.56	6.62	6.79	7.12	6.92	6.75
Poetry and Drama.....	3.97	4.03	3.91	3.89	3.85	3.73
English Prose Fiction and Juveniles...	60.89	60.22	60.12	59.73	60.36	61.77
Books in Continental Languages.....	10.70	12.05	11.94	11.97	11.81	11.68
Miscellaneous.....	3.90	4.05	4.01	4.25	4.17	3.53

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The enlarged space for readers and the superior advantages for study provided for them in the new reading room have been very highly appreciated by the public, and the results are seen in the larger number of visitors and the increased use of reference books. With a fewer number of working days, the number of visitors during the year was 79,345 against 66,498 reported in 1886; and 208,470 books were used against 157,345 in 1886, showing an increase in the aggregate of 19.3 per cent. in the number of visitors and 33 per cent. in the number of books used. If the estimate be made by daily averages, there was an increase in the number of visitors of 29 per cent. and in the number of books used, of 43 per cent. The table following gives the statistics of the department from month to month, together with those of the preceding year.

1886-87.			1885-86.		
MONTH.	Visitors.	Volumes.	MONTH.	Visitors.	Volumes.
June.....	Closed	.....	June.....	6,309	13,918
July.....	4,673	11,474	July.....	5,275	13,758
August.....	5,785	15,633	August.....	4,665	12,576
September.....	6,126	17,034	September.....	5,304	11,881
October.....	6,237	18,683	October.....	5,445	12,589
November.....	6,956	20,541	November.....	5,238	12,288
December.....	7,496	19,509	December.....	5,645	13,198
January.....	9,236	24,901	January.....	6,394	13,082
February.....	9,108	23,320	February.....	5,968	13,316
March.....	9,394	22,976	March.....	6,928	15,255
April.....	7,607	17,965	April.....	5,431	14,903
May.....	6,727	16,434	May.....	3,896	10,581
Total.....	79,345	208,470	Total.....	66,498	157,345

PATENT AND MEDICAL REFERENCE BOOKS.

The new rooms in which are kept the United States, British, French, German and Canadian patent publications, and also the medical reference books, have admirably served the uses of the public. In consequence of the Library being closed during the whole of the month of June, the number of visitors was 4 per cent. less than on the preceding year; but on the basis of daily averages, there has been an increase of 9 per cent. in the number of patent publications used, and 27 per cent. in the number of medical books used. The statistics of the department from month to month are given in the following table:

MONTH.	1886-87.			MONTH.	1885-86.		
	Visi- tors.	Patent Books.	Med. Books.		Visi- tors.	Patent Books.	Med. Books.
June.....	Closed			June.....	703	2,141	645
July.....	560	1,618	443	July.....	836	2,425	666
August.....	762	1,667	642	August.....	646	1,591	632
September....	792	1,661	717	September....	665	1,625	425
October.....	660	1,898	855	October.....	638	1,481	405
November....	681	1,904	724	November....	640	1,183	569
December.....	697	1,753	1,027	December....	678	1,457	750
January.....	735	2,432	731	January.....	746	1,743	610
February.....	682	2,062	655	February....	637	1,343	359
March.....	764	1,592	830	March.....	807	1,698	488
April.....	727	1,624	682	April.....	631	1,588	525
May.....	656	1,529	751	May.....	438	1,120	328
Total.....	7,716	19,740	8,057	Total.....	8,065	19,395	6,402

READING ROOM FOR PERIODICALS.

In order to secure larger space needed in other departments it was necessary in removing the Library to its present quarters, to discontinue the general newspaper files. The city newspapers, however, are still taken for binding; but they are not filed for public inspection as they formerly were. Some foreign newspapers and some on special subjects usually in quarto form are also taken, and their files are issued at the counter. Application for them is made in the same manner as for periodicals. Giving up the general newspaper files has greatly reduced the number of visitors to the reading room, and has doubtless been a disappointment to a class of readers who depended on them for daily news and thereby saved a penny. The daily newspaper of our time is so cheap and so prolific in current news, that it is not a burden for any citizen to supply himself with this class of reading at his own cost. The discontinuance of the general newspaper files has not only reduced the number of visitors, but it has, by way of compensation, wholly cured some disagreeable features which

persistently characterized the old reading room. The vagrants and tramps who came ostensibly to read the newspapers, but really to find a lounging place in summer and to keep warm in winter, have disappeared and no longer defile the air with their unclean presence. Whoever now enters the reading room will notice the fact that the social quality of the visitors has been improved as well as the purity of the atmosphere. The elegant and attractive appointments of the new quarters have also doubtless contributed to this result. The large falling off in the visitors on Sunday is to be attributed to the causes already mentioned, and also to the fact that for several months the elevators of the City Hall were not running on Sunday. They are now, however, running during the hours on Sunday when the reading room is open.

The table which follows shows the statistics of the reading room for periodicals month by month, and also the statistics for the preceding year, before the changes which have been named were made:

MONTH.	1886-87.			MONTH.	1885-86.		
	Visitors.	Periodicals.	Sunday Visitors.		Visitors.	Periodicals.	Sunday Visitors.
June.....	Closed	.....	.....	June.....	47,499	21,843	1,520
July.....	10,274	11,449	247	July.....	48,050	22,122	1,413
August....	12,161	13,354	273	August....	51,698	23,864	1,558
September..	11,012	12,114	295	September..	47,182	22,257	1,606
October....	13,650	14,978	332	October....	50,258	22,908	1,551
November..	16,235	17,850	430	November..	55,335	25,214	1,883
December..	19,354	21,423	497	December..	63,102	28,570	1,843
January....	23,398	26,097	502	January....	71,070	32,154	1,985
February...	22,360	25,028	491	February..	63,699	28,773	2,126
March.....	22,541	25,358	535	March.....	66,252	30,265	2,107
April.....	17,859	20,150	412	April.....	53,627	24,655	1,777
May.....	16,103	18,150	338	May.....	38,044	17,680	1,560
Total	184,947	205,951	4,352	Total	655,811	300,305	1,743

The number of serials on file is 464, of which 342 are classed as periodicals, and 122 as foreign and special newspapers which are kept behind the counter and are given out by the same system as are the periodicals. Of the periodicals 250 are bought and 92 are given; 185 are American, 83 English, 51 German, 7 French, 7 Bohemian, 6 Scandinavian, and 3 of other nationalities. Of the special newspapers, 27 are dailies, and 95 are weeklies; 8 of the dailies, and 80 of the weeklies being donations from their publishers. A list of the serials donated is given in appendix "C."

ADMINISTRATION.

The occupation of the new rooms and the general expansion of the work of the Library have made it necessary to increase the number of employes. Thirty-seven persons are now employed in the day service, and nine in the evening service. Seven persons are on the list of day substitutes, and two on the list of evening substitutes, whose services are used when needed. Three janitors, one night-watchman, and one expressman for the work of the eight delivery stations are also employed, making the total number of persons in the service of the Library sixty.

FINDING LIST.

Of the Finding List, 3,569 copies of the several forms in which it is issued, have been sold. Of these, were 50 Parts I. and II., sold at fifty cents each; 923 of Part I. sold at thirty-five cents each; 286 of Part II. sold at fifteen cents each; 2254 of first and second supplement, sold at ten cents each, and 56 lists of Bohemian books, sold at one cent each - the total sales amounting to \$616.91. On

May 31, there were on hand 1541 copies of Part I.; 898 copies of Part II.; 1167 copies of first and second supplement; and 1940 lists of Bohemian books. A Finding List of the reference books is in preparation, and nearly completed. The card catalogue is kept complete down to the latest book received. From year to year as the Library increases in size, the inestimable value of the card catalogue becomes more apparent.

BINDING.

The number of books sent to the bindery was 7,174. The number repaired by the library attendants was 4,637, and the number put into the Emerson binders was 17. P. Ringer & Co., and Theodore Asmus, who have been the contractors for the Library binding for several years, have continued to do their work in a satisfactory manner.

ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

The annual examination of the Library has been made by the same methods and the same care as in previous years, and the work has been done without calling in the books or interrupting the circulation. Every book belonging to the Library has either been found or otherwise accounted for, and been checked off on the shelf-lists, or it is reported as missing. The result of the examination is that 39 volumes reported missing last year have re-appeared; and that 85 volumes are now for the first time on the list of books not accounted for. Of these 85 volumes, 30 are in the class of English prose fiction and juvenile books; 13 in that of the United States and State documents; eight in German literature; six in science and art; five in history and biography; five in medicine; two in each of the classes

of travels, poetry, reference books and magazines; and one in each of six other classes. The number reported missing this year is less than on any previous year since the Library was established.

Respectfully submitted,

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Librarian.

APPENDIX A.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FROM 1875 TO 1887.

	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.
Books in the Library.....	39,236	49,024	51,409	57,984	60,423	67,772	77,140	87,272	94,606	106,341	111,621	119,510	129,129
Total Accessions.....	21,053	10,251	3,399	7,976	4,287	8,440	11,020	11,038	9,416	12,972	6,836	10,599	11,353
Purchased.....	20,122	8,056	2,441	6,444	3,010	7,799	9,814	9,691	8,065	11,759	5,692	8,245	9,700
Donated.....	931	2,195	958	1,532	1,277	641	2,106	1,347	1,351	1,213	1,144	2,354	1,653
Expended for.....	\$28,410 03	\$10,754 19	\$2,504 17	\$9,078 06	\$4,907 44	\$7,401 54	\$10,843 72	\$10,052 02	\$10,814 52	\$12,995 86	\$6,599 14	\$9,405 35	\$10,439 19
Worn out.....	38	403	1,015	1,391	1,848	1,137	2,502	900	2,082	1,237	698	1,810	734
Unaccounted for.....	322	421	281	186	210	160	281	297	383	775	362	204	85
Pamphlets, Accessions of.....	1,944	354	252	419	1,037	497	545	2,133	1,442	604	3,201	4,327	2,643
New Registration of Book													
Borrowers.....	20,710	9,843	6,934	11,831	9,136	9,505	10,905	10,441	11,174	12,669	13,297	13,845	15,383
Circulation of Books.....	399,156	405,747	398,690	354,566	368,428	366,751	352,861	349,977	370,475	429,313	519,691	608,798	628,645
Daily Average.....	1,313	1,166	1,301	1,166	1,205	1,002	1,161	1,144	1,259	1,404	1,704	2,040	2,203
Largest issue, one day.....	4,539	2,631	4,561	3,399	4,339	2,170	2,421	2,353	2,654	3,317	3,720	3,897	4,498
Smallest issue, one day.....	73	698	73	572	1,602	1,153	626	676	637	694	1,607	1,221	1,360
Received for Fines.....	\$2,648 72	\$2,831 44	\$2,710 64	\$1,939 57	\$1,882 70	\$1,775 72	\$2,004 35	\$2,169 18	\$2,220 20	\$2,954 32	\$3,088 00	\$3,673 41	\$3,444 03
Reading Room, Periodicals													
on File.....	288	285	220	210	228	221	241	252	265	284	328	325	342
Newspapers on File.....	80	104	91	98	118	128	120	123	123	141	148	150	142
Visitors.....	276,021	228,795	109,760	181,052	186,598	189,536	302,776	366,118	513,459	693,121	631,245	655,516	184,047
Periodicals Issued.....	135,355	138,924	127,123	115,732	119,577	124,597	184,688	199,471	211,539	285,222	282,610	353,205	205,957
Sunday Readers, Average	50	50	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
Cost of Serials, Average	\$1,915 94	\$2,300 55	\$1,495 14	\$1,277 28	\$1,635 52	\$1,705 51	\$1,677 66	\$1,381 70	\$2,158 26	\$1,707 75	\$1,041 03	\$1,444 81	\$1,903 31
Reference Dep't'm't Visitors	18,283	15,238	8,775	16,916	20,314	23,112	25,340	28,112	32,734	37,056	57,600	66,408	73,245
Issues, Cost of.....	\$1,001 80	\$4,369 57	\$2,093 25	\$2,713 55	\$3,082 02	\$2,167 01	\$2,764	\$2,841 15	\$2,844 47	\$3,131 61	\$3,618 02	\$4,206 54	\$3,760 18
Binding, Cost of.....	15,545 00	14,795 20	13,571 00	13,744 90	13,571 00	14,559 00	17,688 35	20,853 92	22,480 50	25,159 43	28,620 77	32,202 70	37,621 98
Amount paid for Salaries.....													

APPENDIX B.

LIST OF DONORS.

	Vols.	Pamp.
Alden and Co.....	..	1
Aldrich, E. R.....	..	1
Altgeld, Hon. John P.....	2	..
American Antiquarian Society.....	1	1
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.....	1	154
American Dental Association.....	1	..
American Institute of Homœopathy	1	..
American Institute of Mining Engineers.....	1	..
American Philological Association.....	..	1
Ames, John G., Washington.....	..	3
Amherst College .....	..	2
Andover Theological Seminary.....	..	1
Andreas, A. T.....	21	..
Association for the Advancement of Women.....	..	2
Association of American Physicians... ..	1	..
Badershaw, J.....	1	..
Baker, James H. ....	..	3
Baker, Walter and Co., Dorchester, Mass.....	1	..
Baltimore, Manufacturers' Record Co.....	1	..
Bangs and Co., New York.....	1	..
Barnard and Gunthorp.....	5	2
Battell, Robbins & Anna, Norfolk, Conn.....	1	..
Beloit College.....	..	1
Bettles, William.....	1	..
Birmingham, England, Public Library.....	..	5
Bishop, S. S.....	3	..
Bodleian Library, Oxford, England.....	..	1
Bogue, R. G.....	12	..
Boston, City of.....	3	..
Boston Dante Society.....	..	1
Boston Port and Seamen's Aid Society.....	..	1
Boston Public Library.....	2	2

	Vols.	Pamp.
Bostonian Society.....	1	..
Bowdoin College.....	1	..
Bradlee, C. D., Boston.....	..	1
Bridgeport, Conn., Public Library.....	..	1
Briggs, W. S., Keene, N. H.....	1	..
Brookline, Mass., Public Library.....	..	1
Brown University.....	1	1
Brynmner, D., Ottawa, Canada.....	5	..
Buell, Mrs. C. B.....	1	..
Buffalo Historical Society.....	..	1
Buffalo Library.....	1	2
Burt, Mary E.....	1	..
California State Mining Bureau.....	..	2
California University.....	2	10
Canada Library of Parliament.....	15	..
Carpenter, F. I.....	72	..
Chamberlain, Hon. Mellen, Boston.....	..	1
Chambers, W. and R., Edinburgh.....	..	1
Chapin, Calvin A., Boston.....	1	2
Chelsea, Mass., Public Library.....	..	1
Chicago Board of Education.....	65	1
Chicago Board of Trade.....	1	..
Chicago Citizens' Association.....	..	2
Chicago City Clerk.....	1	..
Chicago City Comptroller.....	1	..
Chicago, City of.....	5	1
Chicago Daily News.....	..	52
Chicago Department of Public Works.....	..	3
Chicago Free Trade Club.....	..	1
Chicago Historical Society.....	22	..
Chicago Law Department.....	..	3
Chicago Law Institute.....	1	..
Chicago Medical Press Association.....	1	..
Chicago Medical Society.....	3	..
Chicago St. Ignatius College.....	..	1
Chicago Tribune.....	72	133
Cincinnati Board of Education.....	1	..
Cincinnati Public Library.....	1	4
Clark, Robert, Cincinnati.....	1	..
Clinton, Mass., Bigelow Public Library.....	..	1

	Vols.	Pamp.
Cluett, W. W.....	1	..
Columbia College.....	..	1
Cook County Commissioners.....	..	6
Cox, Hon. J. D., Cincinnati.....	..	1
Cox, Hon. William R.....	..	1
Crafts, W. F., New York City.....	2	..
Cudmore, P., Faribault, Minn.....	1	..
Cullom, Hon. S. M.....	..	2
Davin, N. F.....	..	1
Dayton, O., Public Library.....	2	..
Detroit, Mich., Public Library.....	..	1
Dewey, Melvil, New York City.....	..	1
Doncaster, England, Public Library.....	..	1
Draper, Daniel, New York City.....	1	..
Dresden, Königlische öffentliche Bibliothek.....	..	1
Dunlap, L.....	1	..
Eads, H. L.....	1	..
Eastman, Sidney Corning.....	..	1
Easton, E. G., London.....	1	..
Edinburgh Royal Observatory.....	1	..
Ellis, Dr. John, New York City.....	1	..
Erwood, J.....	1	..
Esterbear, Mrs.....	3	..
Farnum, Alonzo.....	1	..
Felton, C. E.....	..	1
Fiske, William, Florence, Italy.....	..	1
Fletcher Free Library.....	..	1
Florence National Library.....	..	25
Florence Royal Institute.....	3	..
Forwood, W. H.....	..	43
Frederiksen, Mrs. N. C.....	10	..
Freeman, Henry V.....	..	3
Galloway, D. H.....	..	524
Gardiner, Abraham S., Milford, Pa.....	..	1
Gauss, E. F. L.....	1	..
Gellatly, F., Evanston, Ill.....	1	..
Georgia Historical Society.....	..	1
Germantown, Pa., Friends' Free Library.....	..	1
Gibson, A. M., New York.....	1	..
Gill, M. H. & Son, Dublin.....	1	..

	Vols.	Pamp.
Gilson, F. H., Boston.....	1	..
Glasgow, Scotland, Mitchell Library.....	..	1
Goodwin, Daniel, Jr.....	1	..
Goodwin, Dr.....	2	..
Graham, Dr. D. W.....	..	157
Great Britain, Commissioners of Patents.....	80	23
Green, Dr. Samuel A., Boston.....	34	530
Green, Samuel S., Worcester, Mass.....	..	1
Greenebaum, H.....	12	..
Grinnell, Hon. Julius S.....	2	..
Hall, Fred. H.....	1	..
Hambleton, C. J.....	1	..
Hamburgher, E. C.....	..	1
Harrison, Hon. Carter H.....	376	108
Hartford, Conn., Library Association.....	..	2
Harvard University.....	4	5
Harvard University Library.....	..	3
Haskins, Clark C.....	..	2
Hawxhurst, Arthur.....	28	..
Hazen, Rev. H. A.....	2	..
Head, Franklin H.....	1	..
Hesing, Washington.....	1	..
Heywood, J. C., Philadelphia.....	1	..
Higgins, Dr. C. C.....	16	57
Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland.....	2	..
Hild, F. H.....	1	1
Holman, Alfred L.....	1	..
Hoyne, Dr. Temple S.....	16	15
Hughes, William.....	1	..
Humphreys, S. J.....	2	4
Huntington, William R., New York.....	..	1
Illinois State Board of Health.....	2	4
Illinois State Dental Society.....	1	..
Illinois State Department.....	17	13
Illinois State Horticultural Society.....	1	..
Illinois State Laboratory of Natural History.....	..	1
Illinois State Library.....	4	..
Illinois State Medical Society.....	11	..
Illinois University.....	2	..
India, Viceroy Governor General of.....	1	..

	Vols.	Pamp.
Indianapolis Public Library.....	1	1
Ingals, Dr. E.....	4	67
Iowa Agricultural College.....	..	1
Iowa State Library.....	1	..
Ireland, A.....	..	1
Jensen, M.....	2	..
Johns Hopkins University.....	..	5
Kalisch, Samuel.....	1	..
Kansas City, Mo., Public Library.....	..	1
Kansas State Board of Agriculture.....	1	..
Kellogg, Henry L.....	1	1
Kelsey, Prof. Francis W., Lake Forest, Ill.....	1	..
Kilbourne, E. A.....	..	1
Kimball, D.....	1	..
King, Lincoln, Marshalltown, Ia.....	..	1
Lancaster, Mass., Public Library.....	..	1
Lane, Albert G.....	1	..
Lawler, Hon. Frank.....	1	..
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library.....	..	1
Leavitt, G. A. & Co., New York.....	1	..
Leeds, England, Public Library.....	..	1
Leicester, Mass., Public Library.....	..	1
Lewis, C. J.....	1	..
Liverpool, England, Public Library.....	..	1
Liverpool Literary and Philosophical Society.....	2	..
Logan, Hon. John A.....	4	..
London, Corporation of the City of.....	1	..
Lowell, Mass., Public Library.....	..	1
Lydston, Dr. G. Frank.....	1	..
Lynn, Mass., Public Library.....	..	1
McClurg, A. C. & Co.....	1	260
Mac Millan, Hon. T. C.....	..	1
Madison, Wis., Board of Trade.....	..	4
Malden, Mass., Public Library.....	..	1
Mallek, Antoni.....	..	12
Manchester, N. H., City Library.....	..	1
Mansfield, A. K.....	..	1
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy.....	..	1
Massachusetts Medical Society.....	1	..
Massachusetts, Secretary of the Commonwealth.....	1	..

	Vols.	Pamp.
Massachusetts State Department.....	5	..
Mattocks, John.....	..	1
Maxwell, Mrs. S. B., Des Moines.....	..	54
Medill, Joseph.....	21	..
Melrose, Mass., Public Library.....	..	1
Meriden, Conn., Young Men's Christian Association.....	1	..
Methuen, Mass., Nevins Memorial Library.....	2	..
Michigan State Library.....	42	3
Michigan University.....	1	1
Middlesex Mechanics' Association.....	..	1
Miller, F. C.....	1	..
Milwaukee Public Library.....	1	4
Minneapolis Park Commissioners.....	..	1
Minnesota Railroad Commissioners.....	4	..
Montreal Committee of the British Association.....	1	..
Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary.....	..	1
Moses, Adolph.....	2	146
Murdock, J.....	..	1
National Association for Promotion of Social Science.....	1	..
Nautical Almanac Office.....	1	..
Nelson, T. F.....	..	2
Nevada Surveyor General.....	..	1
New Jersey State Library.....	1	..
New Mexico, Bureau of Emigration.....	1	..
New York City, Apprentices' Library.....	..	1
New York City, Astor Library.....	1	1
New York City, Board of Education.....	4	..
New York City, Central Committee for Protecting the Separation of Church and State.....	..	1
New York City, Deutscher Gesellig-Wissenschaftl Verein.....	..	1
New York City, Homœopathic Medical College.....	..	1
New York City, Maimonides Library.....	..	1
New York City, Mercantile Library Association.....	..	1
New York City, Meteorological Observatory.....	1	3
New York City, Produce Exchange.....	1	..
New York City, Young Men's Christian Association.....	1	2
New York State Forest Commission.....	1	..
New York State Library.....	18	1
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Public Library.....	1	..
Newport, R. I., Historical Society.....	..	1

	Vols.	Pamp.
Newton, Simon.....	..	1
Ohio State Forestry Bureau.....	1	..
Ohio State Library.....	8	..
Omaha, Neb., Public Library.....	..	1
Onahan, William J.....	6	..
Paine, Prof. John A., Tarrytown, N. Y.....	1	..
Paris Bibliotheque Nationale.....	1	..
Pawtucket, R. I., Public Library.....	..	1
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, Md.....	1	1
Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass.....	..	1
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass.....	..	1
Peattie, Robert B.....	1	..
Pennsylvania University, Greek Play Committee.....	1	..
Peoria, Ill., Board of Trade.....	..	1
Perez, Prof. F. F.....	6	3
Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences.....	..	1
Philadelphia Library Company.....	..	1
Philadelphia Mercantile Library.....	..	3
Phillipps, H. Jr.....	1	1
Plymouth, England, Public Library.....	..	1
Portsmouth, England, Public Library.....	..	1
Preston, Sidney H., London.....	..	2
Providence, R. I., Public Library.....	..	1
Provident Life Insurance Company, Philadelphia.....	1	..
Rand, McNally & Co.....	1	..
Relfe, Bros., London.....	19 sheets	13 6
Richmond, Va., Board of Health.....	..	1
Rio de Janeiro Bibliotheca Nacional.....	1	..
Rochester University.....	..	1
Rockford, Ill., Public Library.....	1	..
Rosch, F.....	1	..
Rome Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale.....	..	6
Romero Matias.....	1	5
Root, James P.....	1	..
Rosengarten, J. G., Philadelphia.....	1	..
Rosenthal, Julius.....	2	..
Royal Institute of Great Britain.....	1	1
Royal Scottish Society of Arts.....	..	1
Royal Society of Canada.....	1	..
Ryder, J. A.....	..	1

	Vols.	Pamp.
St. Louis Academy of Science.....	1	..
St. Louis Public Library.....	..	2
St. Louis University.....	..	1
St. Paul Public Library.....	..	1
San Francisco Mechanics' Institute.....	2	..
San Francisco Mercantile Library Association.....	..	1
Sanitary News.....	65	16
Schwab, Chas. H.....	..	2
Scratchley, Arthur, London.....	1	..
Seyffarth, G., Executors of, New York.....	2	..
Sharpe, William, Bundoran, Ireland.....	1	..
Shorey, Daniel L.....	10	1
Shorthand Writers' Association, London.....	..	1
Simms, Joseph.....	1	..
Smith, George W.....	10	..
Smithsonian Institution.....	9	..
Sprague, H. B.....	..	1
Stevens, B. F., London.....	1	..
Stille, C. J., Philadelphia.....	1	..
Tabor, M.....	1	..
Taunton, Mass., Public Library.....	..	1
Thomas, G. W.....	7	..
Thwaites, Reuben G.....	1	1
Toledo, O., Public Library.....	1	..
Toronto, Canada, Public Library.....	1	1
Tucker, Willis G., Albany.....	..	1
United States Adjutant General.....	..	1
United States Bureau of Education.....	3	20
United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.....	1	..
United States Bureau of Statistics.....	2	8
United States Census Bureau.....	1	..
United States Chief of Ordnance.....	1	..
United States Civil Service Commission.....	1	..
United States Coast Survey.....	1	..
United States Commissioner of Patents.....	23	..
United States Department of State.....	8	10
United States Fish Commissioner.....	2	16
United States Geological Survey.....72 maps	12	6
United States Interior Department.....	153	19
United States Library of Congress.....	3	..

	Vols.	Pamp
United States Life Saving Service.....	1	..
United States Marine Hospital Service.....	1	4
United States Naval Observatory.....	1	..
United States Navy Department.....	14	2
United States Secretary of War.....	17	..
United States Signal Service.....	14 maps 2	..
United States Surgeon General's Library.....	1	..
United States Treasury Department.....	..	2
Unknown.....	2	2
Utley, H. M.....	..	1
Van Wyck, Hon. C. H.....	1	..
Vassar College.....	..	1
Victoria, Australia, Public Library.....	..	1
Von Ende, Mrs. Amelia.....	2	..
Warner Observatory, Rochester.....	..	1
Warren County Library.....	1	..
Washburn Observatory, Madison, Wis.....	1	..
Washington, Philosophical Society of.....	1	..
Waterman, Rev. H. B.....	1	..
Watertown, Mass., Public Library.....	..	1
Wednesbury, England, Public Library.....	..	1
Wesleyan University.....	1	..
Wheldon, John, London.....	1	..
Willard, Dr. Samuel.....	1	35
Williams, J. Fletcher, St. Paul.....	..	2
Wilmington, Del., Institute.....	..	1
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Board of Trade.....	..	1
Winsor, Justin.....	..	1
Wisconsin State Historical Society.....	..	2
Woburn, Mass., Public Library.....	1	..
Woodhead, J. E.....	1	..
Worcester, Mass., Public Library.....	..	1
Yale College.....	1	4
Young, Miss E. A.....	1	..
Zdrubek, F. B.....	17	..

APPENDIX C.

SERIALS DONATED.

American.

American Mail and Export Journal.
Argus.
American Stationer.
Bulletin of Immigration for the Territory of Dakota.
Canada Patent Office Record.
Chicago Council Proceedings.
Chicago Law Times.
Chicago Legal News.
Christian Worker
Church Press.
Civil Service Record.
Cook County Commissioners Proceedings.
Dial.
Druggists Circular.
Epoch.
Exchange and Mart.
Farmers' Review.
Figaro Illustri.
Friend.
Home Visitor.
Inland Architect and Builder.
Lumber Trade Journal.
Lady's World.
Light House.
American Journal of Obstetrics.
Mining Review.
Million.
Missionary Review.
Missionary Herald.
National Bottler's Gazette.
National Car Builder.
National Live Stock Journal.
New Church Messenger.

Official Gazette, U. S. Patents.

Open Court.
Phonographic Monthly.
Phrenological Journal.
Philatelic Journal.
Pictorial West.
Quaker City Philatelist.
Sanitary Era.
Sanitary Reports.
Shorthand Writer.
Sheep Breeder
Signs of the Times.
Silver Dollar
Sporting Journal.
Stationer and Printer.
Student and Statesman.
Switchmen's Journal.
Undertaker's Journal.
Unitarian Review.
Unity.
Western Agriculturist.

Medical Publications.

AMERICAN.

The following publications, except those marked with a star, are the gift of The Chicago Medical Society.
American Journal of Obstetrics.
American Journal of Medical Science.
Boston Medical and Surgical Journal.
*Clinique.
Dental Cosmos.
Journal of American Medical Association.

Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease.

Medical Review.

Medical Record.

Medical Visitor.

*Pacific Health Journal.

BRITISH.

*Homœopathic Review.

Lancet.

British Publications.

Brewers' Guardian.

Chamber of Commerce.

India Rubber and Gutta Percha.

Investor's Monthly Manual.

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society.

Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society.

Textile Recorder.

German Publications.

Acker und Gartenbau Zeitung.

Fortschritt der Zeit.

Im Familien Kreise.

Katholischer Jugend Freund.

Kinder Post.

Bohemian Publications.

Domacnost.

Duch Casu.

Kvety Americke.

Daily Newspapers.

Boston Herald.

Chicago Arbeiter Zeitung.

Skandinaven.

Staats Zeitung.

Svornost.

Hamilton Ontario Daily Spectator.

" Evening Times.

Montreal Daily Witness.

Weekly Newspapers.

Battle Creek (Mich.) Advent Review.

Boston Christian Register.

Boston World's Crisis.

Buffalo Polak w Ameryce.

Bryan (Texas) Rolnik Texasky Slovan.

Chicago America.

Arbeider Journal.

Banner.

Beobachter.

Bladet.

Christelige Talsmand.

De Nederlander.

Deutsche Warte.

Dzien Swienty.

Express.

Falkets Avis.

Folkevennen.

Gamla och Nya Hemlandet.

Gazeta Katolicka.

Illustreret Ugeblad.

Industrial World.

Israelite.

Journal of Commerce.

Ledger.

Lever.

Merchant.

Missions Wannen

New Age.

Norden.

Occident.

Standard.

Svenska Amerikanaren.

Svenska Tribunen.

Verdens G.

Vorbote.

Vort Land.

Western Catholic.

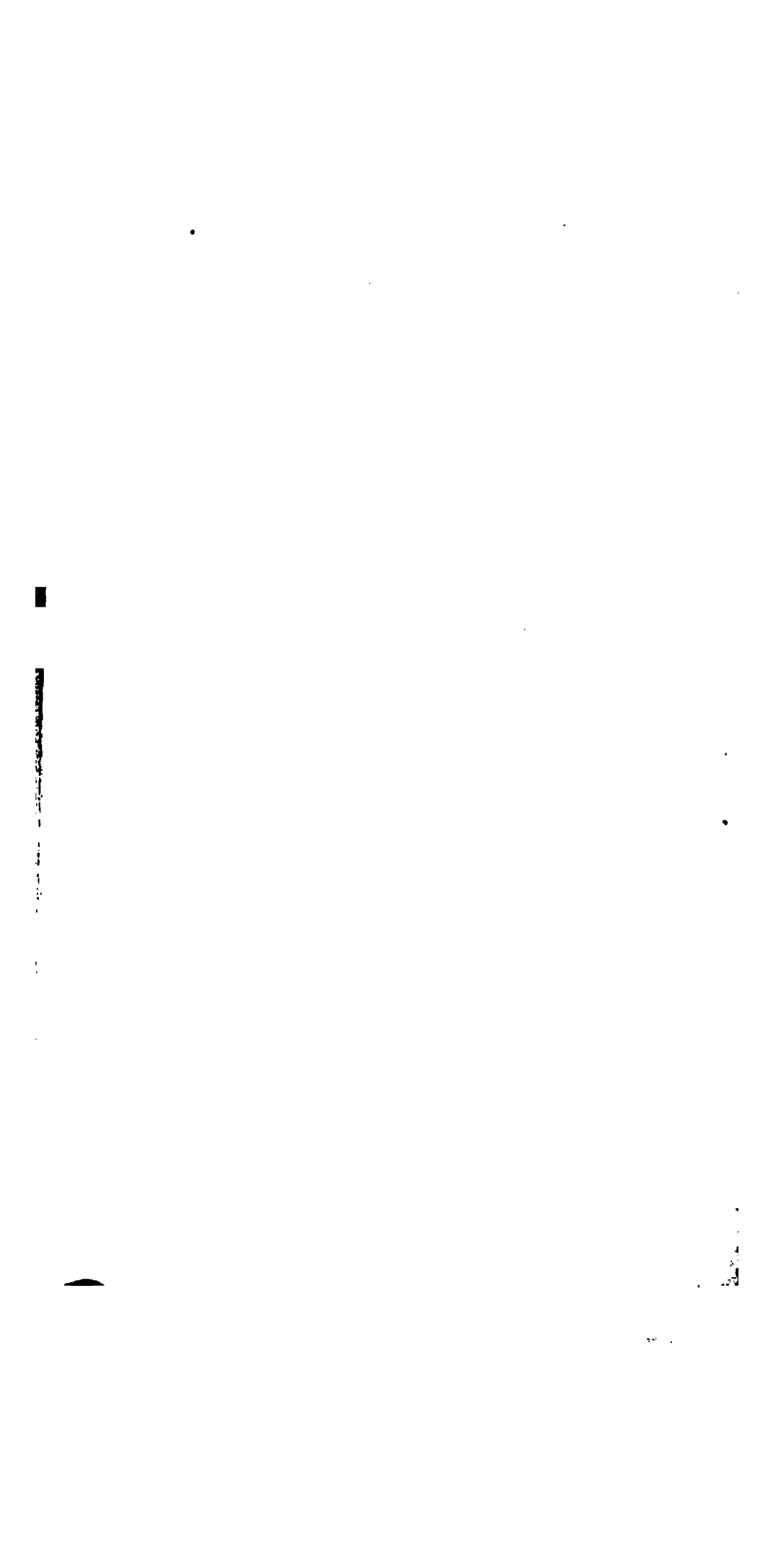
Ziarno.

Cleveland Dennice Novoveku.

Volnost.

De Land (Fla.) Florida Agricultur-
alist.

Emporia (Kan.) Advance.	Paper Trade Journal.
Forest City (D. T.) Press.	Sabbath Recorder.
Fort Madison (Iowa) Democrat.	The Voice.
Geneseo (Ill.) Formal Worker.	Volks Zeitung.
Grand Rapids (Mich.) Yankee Dutch.	Nashville Cumberland Presbyterian.
Hartford (Conn.) Travelers' Record.	Oakland (Cal.) American Sentinel.
Kankakee (Ill.) Courier de l'Illinois.	Omaha Pokrok Zapadu.
Kansas City, Svenska Weckobladet.	Portland (Ore.) Northwestern Farmer and Dairyman.
Kissimee (Fla.) Leader.	Racine (Wis.) Slavie.
Medford (Wis.) Ansiedler.	Texas Slovan.
Waldbote.	Toledo (Ohio) Stumblingstone.
Milwaukee Zgoda.	Toronto Merchant.
New York Hebrew Standard.	St. Paul Times.
Irish World.	Washington (D. C.) Sentinel.
Jewish Gazette.	Winona (Minn.) Wiarus.
Oester-Amerik Zeitung.	



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SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

JUNE, 1888.



CHICAGO:
PUBLIC LIBRARY ROOMS, CITY HALL,
1888.

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LIBRARY SERVICE.

Librarian: FREDERICK H. HILD.

Assistant Librarians :

WM. B. WICKERSHAM,	ELIZABETH A. YOUNG,
E. F. L. GAUSS,	KATE M. HENNEBERRY.

Library Assistants :

B. M. SMITH, *Sup't of Day Service.*

JOHN R. PATTERSON,	MARY E. WOLCOTT,
WM. A. PURER,	ALICE BROWN,
ELIZA KEON,	VIRGINIA A. SHERWOOD,
LILYAN G. MORAWSKI,	ELLEN O'NEIL,
CARRIE L. ELLIOTT,	EMILY KOUPAL,
REIDAR ARENTZ,	AMELIA M. PLATT,
OTILIE GOLDBERGER,	MARY SCANLAN,
JOHN F. WHELAN,	AMANDA DIEHL,
MARGARET KEARNEY,	ANNA REDELL,
ANNA FITZGERALD,	OTTO GOLDBERGER,
MAY BOSTETTER,	JAMES KELLY,
SOPHIE WARHANIK,	FRANK E. WASKA,
HATTIE HYDE,	JAMES REZNY,
MAGGIE J. CLINE,	CARL B. RODEN,
MAY I. CARROLL,	FRANK H. PENNY,
STEPHANIE SKORAZINSKA,	WILL L. SHIDE,
N. J. PRITZKER,	JOHN KOSTKA,
BERTHA HARTMAN,	JOHN BARRON.

Evening Attendants :

A. E. NICKERSON, <i>Supt.</i>	JOHN H. TAUCHEN,
ED. L. DWORAK,	BOHUMIL SLADEK,
ERNST J. OHRENSTEIN,	WILBUR THOMPSON,
JOHN STEISKAL,	HENRY G. WILSON,
WM. S. NEWBERGER.	

Janitors :

N. S. PURVIANCE,	EMIL SHOENBACHER,
JOHN W. HASTIE,	MARY SMITH.

Night Watchman : W. A. SMITH.

Expressman for Delivery Stations : MORRIS ROSENSTOCK.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Directors of the Chicago Public Library.

To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN:—Conformably to the State Library Law, section seven, the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library have the honor to submit herewith their sixteenth annual report.

The financial statements showing the amount of money received from the Library Fund and from other sources, during the year ending May 31st, 1888, and how such moneys have been expended and for what purposes, are fully set forth in the accompanying report of the Secretary.

The condition of the Library and all the details in relation thereto ; the number of books and periodicals on hand ; the number added by purchase, gift, or otherwise during the year ; the number lost or missing ; the number of visitors attending ; the number of books loaned out, and the general character and kind of such books, will be found in the Librarian's report hereto annexed.

The following is a synopsis of those reports :

The amount of money appropriated and received from all sources during the year was \$86,437.91, and the amount expended \$71,771.11. The total amount to the credit of the Library in the hands of the City Treasurer is \$118,075.04.

The total number of volumes in the Library is 138,902. The total accessions during the year were 9,538, and the number replaced 3,749. Of these, 10,124 were purchased and 3,139 donated. The accession of pamphlets numbered 12,373. The number of books worn out and condemned was 2,938.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of volumes taken out for home use for 307 days was 709,527. Last year the number taken out for 277 days was 626,825. The daily average circulation was 2,311, against 2,207 last year, showing an increase of 4.7 per cent.

REGISTRATION.

The registration of book borrowers has been 15,362. The number of persons holding cards running for two years, which entitle them to draw books from the Library, is 30,745. The number last year was 29,228, showing an increase of 5 per cent.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The number of visitors to the Reference Department was 101,714. The number of volumes consulted was 251,310. There has been an increase of 28.2 per cent in the number of visitors and of 20 per cent in the number of books used.

PATENT AND MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

The number of visitors to the Patent and Medical Department was 8,993. The number of patent books consulted was 20,721. The number of medical books consulted was 11,781. There has been an increase of 16.4 per cent in the number of visitors, and an increase of 31 per cent in the use of medical books.

READING ROOM.

The total number of visitors to the Reading Room was 237,357, and the average number of Sunday visitors was

392. The issue of periodicals was 264,622, showing an increase of 29 per cent in the number of visitors, and of 28.5 per cent in the issue of periodicals.

The number of serials on file is 489, of which 337 are classed as periodicals, and 152 as special newspapers. Of the periodicals 279 are purchased, and 58 donated ; 182 are American publications, 85 English, 50 German, 6 French, 6 Bohemian, 6 Scandinavian and 2 of other nationalities. Of the special newspapers, 37 are dailies, and 115 are weeklies ; 27 of the dailies are purchased, and 97 of the weeklies are donated.

BINDING.

The number of books sent to the binders was 10,615 and the number of books repaired by the Library attendants was 7,759.

ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

The total number of books missing this year as shown by the annual examination just concluded is 81. Of the 85 volumes reported unaccounted for last year, 19 have since reappeared.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The number of Delivery Stations is seven—the same as last year. The whole number of books issued through the Delivery Stations for the year was 136,682, as against 111,532 for the same period last year, being an increase of 9 per cent.

ADMINISTRATION.

The number of employes now on the pay-roll is 64. The total amount of the annual pay-roll, exclusive of salaries to substitutes and extra attendants, is \$38,600, being \$438 less than for last year. The actual amount paid for salaries for the year ending May 31, was \$37,878.36.

The most notable incident in the history of the Library

during the year was the bequest of \$10,000 to the Library by the late Rev. Wm. Henry Ryder, D. D.

The Board in acknowledging the generosity of the lamented philanthropist and public spirited citizen, passed the following resolution at its meeting, held March 24th, 1888:

Resolved, That the bequest of ten thousand dollars to the Chicago Public Library under the last will of the Rev. William Henry Ryder, D. D., be hereby accepted and the executors of the estate be notified thereof, and that the President and Secretary of the Board of Directors be empowered and directed to take all necessary steps to secure the same and execute proper receipts therefor.

The Board of Directors in behalf of the Library takes this opportunity of returning its thanks to your Honorable body, for your generous action in granting to the Library the use of the large room adjacent to its entrance. As an expression of the sense of the Board regarding this matter, it may not be deemed inappropriate to embody here the following extract from the report of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds relative thereto:

"Of the more important matters that have come under the direction of your Committee, perhaps the first that should be mentioned is the acquisition of the large room opposite the Council Chamber, which is now being fitted up as a Reading Room, and which will soon be ready for use. This large addition to the space already occupied by the Library will prove very beneficial in many respects. It will give to the public a well ventilated and more accessible room for reading purposes, in lieu of the present badly lighted, poorly ventilated and generally undesirable quarters on the platform over the circulating department.

"It will give the platform to the Library for other and more suitable purposes, principally for the storage of books and documents not generally called for, thereby increasing the space in the circulating department for current and popular books, which is already overcrowded and would be soon entirely occupied to its utmost capacity, manifestly to the great inconvenience of the Library and its patrons. It will also afford additional space for the medical works, and for such other use as may be found necessary."

Whilst the accommodations of the Library are all that can be desired for the present, it is evident that all efforts in this direction are tentative at the best. A great metro-

politan city like Chicago with its vast wealth and its large compilation of valuable, and in many instances rare books, ought to have a building devoted exclusively to Library purposes—a building commensurate with its enterprise and importance.

Early in the session of the present Congress the Board delegated two of its most energetic members to proceed to Washington for the purpose of advocating the passage of a bill presented by Senator Farwell in the Senate, and by Congressman Adams in the House, re-dedicating Dearborn Park for the use of the Public Library. This bill was passed by the Senate, but their efforts beyond this have been fruitless of results, and in the House, where it was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, it still sleeps in oblivion. As far back as 1879 the desirability of procuring Dearborn Park was advocated by the then Board of Directors of the Library, and their report to the City Council that year contains the following passage:

“When a permanent location of the Chicago Public Library shall be determined on, care should be taken to select ground ample for light, for ventilation, for the present and future wants of the Library, including space for future extension of the building.

“A piece of ground centrally located, of the dimensions of Fort Dearborn Square, is about what is needed for a permanent library location. It is probable that Fort Dearborn Square could be obtained for that purpose without any expense to the city, and that the City Council has legal authority to set it apart for the use of the Public Library forever.”

The late decision of Justice Harlan would seem to leave no doubt that the title to the possession and control of the streets and public grounds in Fort Dearborn Addition is vested in the City of Chicago, and it must necessarily follow that the City Council has by ordinance the power to endow the Library Board with the right of occupancy, to erect thereon a suitable building for the use and benefit of the Library.

In this connection we desire to call the attention of your honorable body to the report of the Committee on Future

Library Building, which is hereto appended and, which deals with the legal status of the questions decided by Justice Harlan.

It is unnecessary to descant to any extent on the importance of Free Public Libraries. Books are the delightful mentors of the young, the instructors of the mature, and the solace of the aged. They unlock the treasures of the knowledge of all the ages. Through their media we can commune with the learned and the wise of all nations and of all climes, and even examine into, and sound the very depths of their inmost thoughts.

The Free Public Library disseminates intelligence among the masses, teaches them a proper appreciation of their duties, and elevates them to a loftier plane.

In the "Great Republic" intelligence and patriotism must be the bulwarks of a government "by the people and for the people." The existence of our form of government does not depend on the serried ranks of embattled hosts, but on the virtue, the wisdom and the devotion of its citizens.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. ENRIGHT, *President.*
ADOLPH MOSES,
M. UMBDENSTOCK,
E. MANNHARDT,
BERNHARD MOOS,
NORMAN WILLIAMS,
L. W. KADLEC,
JOHN G. SHORTALL,
WM. H. BEEBE,

Directors.

Chicago, June 9, 1888.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FUTURE LIBRARY BUILDING.

CHICAGO, June 16, 1888.

To the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:—A report on the subject of a future Library Building, was submitted by a former Committee Thomas C. McMillan, the Chairman, which recorded the history of this question to June 11th, 1887, a copy of which report was printed in the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library, on page 10.

It was stated therein, that the amended bill then before Congress, had a reasonable prospect to be passed "early in the next session." The bill provided for new quarters at Dearborn Park, for the Chicago Public Library, one quarter to be used in the meantime, by the Soldiers' Home as a Memorial Hall.

Your Committee cannot report any substantial progress in the acquisition of a permanent home for the Library.

The labors of the Committee were continuous, and at a regular meeting of the Board, on November 26th, 1887, your Committee reported a bill for the acquisition of Dearborn Park, which had been agreed upon by a Committee of the soldiers' organizations, which bill is printed on pages 186 and 187 of the records of the Board.

On December 10th, 1887, your Committee reported that the soldiers' organizations had amended the bill submitted

to the Board, giving the right to use the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, to the Sons of Veterans, and by requiring the Library Board to take charge of and keep up the building for the use of the soldiers, whenever the latter may so elect, and the right of the Library Board to use any part of the same, being ignored. The Board refused to accede to such restrictions, and the objectionable features were stricken out by the act of the soldiers' organizations.

On December 13th, 1887, the Committee then reported a draft of a bill agreed upon, and in view of an intended visit to the Capitol, the Secretary was authorized to have photographs of Dearborn Park and surroundings taken, to show different views of it, for the purpose of exhibiting them at Washington. The aid of the newspapers was solicited in furtherance of the objects of the Dearborn Park Bill, and on Monday, January 30th, a portion of your Committee, Messrs. Moses and Shortall, specially appointed for the purpose, in company with Judge Hawes, representing the soldiers' organizations, and Senator Farwell, met the Committee on Public Lands, of the Senate, to whom had been referred the Dearborn Park Bill, and argued the case before it. On the following day, the Committee went before the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds of the House, and assisted by Congressman Adams, the needs of the Library and the adaptability of the plat of ground for the purposes of the Library was explained. The Chairman of the House Committee, Congressman Dibble, insisted on the insertion in the bill, of a clause requiring the consent of the abutting property owners, before the Act should become operative. After a full discussion the Committee left Washington, with some misgivings as to the course the House Committee would take in the premises. The Senate of the United States promptly reported the Bill through Senator Dolph, the Chairman of the Committee on Public Lands, which Bill is printed on page 228 of the records of the Board. The Bill was finally passed by the Senate in the form submitted by

the Board, excepting the clause in reference to the abutting property owners, which was stricken out by the Senate.

Nothing has ever been done by the House Committee, and it appears that the position of the Chairman of said Committee is adverse to the Senate Bill, unless the objectionable clause requiring the consent of the abutting property owners, is first inserted. The impracticability of such a proposition has been fully explained to the House Committee, but the Chairman persists in his position, and simply remains inactive, thus thwarting the wishes of this Board and of the people of the City of Chicago.

A new view, however, has been given this question, by the decision of Judge Harlan of the Supreme Court of the United States, in the litigation pending in the Circuit Court of the United States, for the Northern District of Illinois, known as the Lake Front case. The decision is published in full in the *Chicago Legal News* of March 3rd, 1888, and the decision is concurred in by Judge Blodgett, the District Judge. The opinion substantially holds that the title to the possession and control of the streets and public grounds in Fort Dearborn Addition, vested in the City of Chicago, under the action of the Secretary of War in platting Fort Dearborn for the purposes of sale.

We understand that no final decree has yet been entered in said case, and it may be appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States, by some interested party. We also understand that the United States and the City of Chicago fully acquiesce in the decision of Judge Harlan.

Should this decree be upheld by the court of last resort, it will be proper to ask aid from the city authorities. In the meantime the Board deemed it proper on March 10, 1888, to pass the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Board request the members of Congress and Senator from this district to continue their efforts toward the passage of the Dearborn Park Bill in the House and Senate."

As the period of the existence of this Committee is about expiring, the entire question will become the work of the succeeding Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

ADOLPH MOSES, *Chairman.*

EMIL MANNHART,

JOHN G. SHORTALL,

NORMAN WILLIAMS,

MICHAEL UMBDENSTOCK,

} *Special
Committee on
Future
Library Build-
ing.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

PUBLIC LIBRARY,
CHICAGO, JUNE 9, 1888. }

To the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:—As required by the seventh section of the Act of the General Assembly, under which the Library is established, I herewith submit the following financial and statistical statements for the year ended May 31st, 1888.

ACCOUNT WITH THE LIBRARY FUND.

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To Fund of 1877.....	\$ 2,799 75	
“ “ 1878.....	7,896 94	
“ “ 1879.....	12,837 75	
	<u>\$23,534 44</u>	
To Fund of 1887.....	81,733 94	
	<u></u>	\$105,268 38
Misc. receipts from June 1st to		
Dec. 31, '87.....	\$ 2,981 50	
Appropriation March, 1888....	80,324 00	
	<u></u>	83,305 50
		<u>\$ 188,573 88</u>

CR.

By Freight and Expressage.....	\$	271	63
Printing and Stationery.....		1,586	62
Newspapers and Periodicals...		1,163	68
Postage		246	88
Incidental Expenses.....		1,687	50
Books lost and paid for—Found and Money Refunded.....		96	15
Books		11,807	21
Binding.....		4,744	35
Furniture and Fixtures.....		675	39
Heating, Lighting and Power.		4,491	20
Salaries		37,878	36
Delivery Stations.....		2,100	00
Insurance		380	25
Finding Lists.....		612	50
Library Rooms, Bal. for com- pleting.....		917	90
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Total for maintenance of Library	\$	68,659	62
Uncollected Taxes, year 1886.		1,839	22
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			\$ 70,498 84
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Total resources of Library, June 1, 1888.....	\$	118,075	04
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Revenue received from the following sources and paid
monthly to Comptroller, from June 1 to Dec. 31, 1888:

From Duplicates....	\$	165	62
Miscellaneous Sources....		14	58
Old Paper.....		2	85
Finding Lists.....		236	06
Books Lost.....		214	35
Fines		2,348	04
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Total paid Comptroller.....	\$	2,981	50
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CONTINGENT FUND.

DR.

To Sale of Duplicates.....	170 62	
" Old Paper.....	20 30	
" Finding Lists.....	344 75	
Books Lost and paid for	126 10	
Fines	1,705 29	
Miscellaneous sources.....	8 60	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,375 66

CR.

By Amount paid for Books and Periodicals	\$ 333 02	
Amount paid for Expenses...	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 483 02
Bal. to Cr. Contingent Fund, June 1, 1888.....		<hr/> <hr/> \$ 1,892 64

BOOKS.

Number of Books in the Library, June 1, 1888....	138,192
" " purchased, year ended May 31, '88,	10,124
" " donated, " " 31, '88,	3,139
" " acquired by exchange	24
" " unaccounted for.....	81

I beg to again call your attention to the balances to the credit of the funds of 1877, 1878, and 1879, aggregating \$23,534.44, which still stand to the credit of the General Fund of the City, on the books of the City Comptroller. These balances were transferred to the General Fund by direction of the City Council March 1st, 1880, and although the same authority directed their transfer back to the Library Fund Sept. 10, 1880, the direction has never been carried out. Respectfully submitted,

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
County of Cook, } ss.

I, W. B. WICKERSHAM, Secretary of
the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library, do
solemnly affirm that the foregoing statements are true to the
best of my knowledge and belief.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

Affirmed and subscribed to before me this 18th day of
June, A. D., 1888.

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E. F. L. GAUSS,
Notary Public.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

CHICAGO, JUNE 9th, 1888.

To the Directors of the Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to present herewith the sixteenth annual report of the Librarian on the operation and statistics of the Public Library for the official year ending May 31st, 1888, being my first report.

There will be found a gratifying increase in the extent and value of the Library in the usual summary of library work presented for the past year. There have been added by purchase and gift 13,287 volumes, a larger accession than for any year since 1875. The total number of volumes in the Library at the close of the year was 138,902. This enumeration puts us for extent third in the rank of the Public Libraries of the United States.

The aggregate circulation of books in all departments was 993,339, distributed as follows:

Circulating Department.....	572,845 vols.
Delivery Stations.....	136,682 “
Reference Department.....	251,310 “
Patent and Medical Departments, <u>32,502</u>	“
Total.....	993,339 vols.

A comparison of these figures with the reported circulation of the largest Public Library in America will prove interesting. The Boston Public Library with its eight

branch libraries, a collection numbering 492,596 volumes, and 38,126 registered book-borrowers, circulated last year 934,593 volumes. This included books used in the main Library and its branches.

So rapid has been the growth of the Library since its removal to the City Hall that the rooms assigned to it two years ago were soon overcrowded, and in several of the departments all the available shelf-room was exhausted. The large and commodious room opposite the Council Chamber, recently placed at our disposal by the courtesy of the Mayor and the City Council, will, at the present rate of growth, suffice for the wants of the Library for about five years to come. This room is now being fitted up and when finished will be used as a reading room. The present reading room located on the platform will then be used as a book room to relieve the crowded condition of the main floor and allow for future growth. By removing to the platform the public documents, certain serials and other books little called for, ample room for expansion will be gained in the circulating department. It is estimated that book cases with a shelving capacity for 50,000 volumes can be placed upon the platform. Twenty five new cases have already been ordered and will be placed in position when the new room is finished. For convenience of access to the books kept on the platform a stairway will be constructed on the west side of the main room.

Following the order of previous reports the summary of the extent of the Library and its work during the past year is herewith presented.

BOOKS.

The present number of volumes in the Library is 138,902. The number reported last year was 129,129, showing a net increase of 9,773 volumes. The entire accessions of the year numbered 13,287 volumes and 12,373 pamphlets. Of the books added 3,139 were given, 24 were acquired by

exchange, and 10,124 were bought, including 3,749 volumes to replace worn out and condemned books, which latter are not included in the net increase of the Library. There were also deducted during the year 199 volumes reported missing in previous years, and 198 volumes long delinquent and given up as lost. The number of books lost and paid for was 179. The number of volumes worn out and condemned was 2,938, of which 1,311 were English prose fiction, 1,280 juvenile books, 146 German books, and 201 in other classes. These books were chiefly of the most popular and inexpensive kind. New copies have been purchased except in cases where the books were out of print. Of the 12,373 pamphlets added 399 were bought and 11,974 given. About 5,000 of those given consisted chiefly of medical serials containing many incomplete volumes. When completed these will be re-entered on the accession catalogue and counted as volumes.

The number of volumes added during the year and the extent of each class is given in the following table. The bulk of the accessions in the classes English prose fiction and juvenile books represent volumes added to replace worn out books :

	Total Accessions of the Year	Total number of volumes in Library.
History.....	484	8,438
Biography.....	425	5,563
Travels.....	343	5,227
Poetry and Drama.....	210	3,095
Essays and Miscellanies	120	2,350
Polygraphy and Collected Works.....	225	2,441
Fine Arts.....	2,170	3,659
Natural Sciences.....	166	3,465
Practical Arts (including Patents).....	378	7,679
Political and Social Science.....	223	2,976
Language and Literature.....	139	1,926
Mental and Moral Science.....	161	1,711

	Total Acces- sions of the Year	Total number of volumes in Library.
Ancient Classics.....	149	744
Religion.....	222	3,780
Medicine.....	289	3,698
Law.....	37	652
Periodicals and Newspapers.....	915	14,284
Government Doc's and State Papers...	440	8,124
Bibliography.....	98	1,162
Dictionaries and Encyclopædias.....	219	1,986
English Prose Fiction.....	2,334	20,241
Juvenile Literature.....	1,601	4,793
German Literature.....	1,146	15,480
French Literature.....	601	6,038
Italian Literature.....	4	429
Spanish Literature.....	....	168
Dutch Literature.....	....	1,068
Bohemian Literature.....	....	3,199
Polish Literature.....	1	1,005
Scandinavian Literature.....	187	3,521
Total.....	13,287	138,902

The amount expended for books was \$12,124.76. Among the accessions of the past year are many rare and valuable books of which the following are worthy of mention: Al-
phand, A., *Les Promenades de Paris*, 2 vols. folio; Archæo-
logical Journal, London, 43 vols., a complete set; The Book
of Ballymote, a Collection of Pieces in the Irish Language,
Dublin, fol.; Champlin, J. O., *Cyclopædia of Painters and
Paintings*, New York, 4 vols., 4°; Dohme, R., *Barock-und-
Rococo-Architektur*, 5 parts, folio; Ewald, E., *Farbige
Decorationen alter und neuer Zeit*, fol.; Fritsch, K. E. O.,
Denkmäler deutscher Renaissance, 10 parts, fol.; Hall, S. C.,
The National Gallery, 3 vols. folio; Hipkins, A. J., *Musical
Instruments*, fol.; Humboldt, A. de, *Vues des Cordillères*,
folio; Humphreys, H. N., *Illuminated Books of the Middle
Ages*, folio; Lessing, O., *Bauornamente Berlins und der*

Neuzeit, 2 vols. fol.; Langenscheidtsche Bibliothek sämtlicher griechischen und römischen Klassiker, 110 volumes, a complete set; Loubat, J. F., *Medallic History of the United States*, 2 vols. fol.; Nicolai, H. G., *Das Ornament der italienischen Kunst des 15ten Jahrhunderts*, folio; Pistolesi, E., *Il Vaticano descritto ed illustrato*, 8 vols. fol.; Racinet, A., *Le Costume historique*, 6 vols. 4°; Racinet, A., *L'Ornement polychrome*, 2e Serie, fol.; Reiss, W. and A. Stübel, *The Necropolis of Ancon in Peru*, 3 vol. fol.; *La Sainte Bible avec les dessins de Gustave Doré*, 2 vols. fol.; Scott, Sir W. *The Waverley Novels*, 12 vols, 8°, (Abbotsford Edition); Silvestre, J. B., *Universal Palæography, or Facsimiles of Writings of all Nations*, 2 vol. fol.; *Société d'Aquarellistes français*, 2 vol. in 1, fol.; Zedler, J. H., *Grosses vollständiges Universal-Lexicon*, 68 vols. in 34, folio.

BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS.

The most important benefaction of the year is the bequest of the late Rev. William Henry Ryder, D. D., by whose last will and testament the Library receives the sum of \$10,000. This is the first legacy of its kind to the institution.

The number of volumes donated was 3,139, a larger number than has been reported for any year since the organization of the Library. Among the more noteworthy gifts may be mentioned the following: Mr. Carl Wolfsohn, the well known musician of this city, has presented the valuable musical collection of the late Beethoven Society, consisting of 1,979 volumes and 6,440 pamphlets and pieces of sheet music. In this collection are included some of the best works of Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Schumann, Gade, Wagner, and other composers. From the Dowager Lady Vernon we have received a copy of Lord Vernon's edition of Dante's *Inferno* in 3 vols. folio, and also his reprint of the first four editions of Dante's *Divina Commedia*. These works, which were privately printed at his lordship's expense,

are beautiful specimens of the typographic art and form a valuable addition to our collection of Dante literature. Dr. Oscar C. De Wolf presented 51 volumes and 1,166 pamphlets, the latter consisting of odd numbers of medical serials. Hon. Carter H. Harrison presented 377 volumes, among which were many of the municipal reports and documents of the leading cities of the United States; in addition he gave 142 pamphlets. Rev. Arthur Edwards donated 56 volumes and 319 pamphlets; Mr. Bernhard Moos, 54 volumes; Mr. Charles Swift, 165 volumes and 420 pamphlets; Columbia College, New York, 46 volumes and 65 pamphlets; Mr. William M. Payne, 22 volumes and 25 pamphlets. The various departments of the United States Government at Washington gave, in the aggregate, 239 volumes and 198 pamphlets. The Commissioners of Patents of Great Britain presented 94 volumes of British Patents consisting of the specifications and indexes of the last two years. A complete list of the donors will be found in Appendix B.

BOOK BORROWERS.

The present number of persons holding cards which entitle them to draw books from the Library is 30,745, an increase of 5 per cent over 29,228 the number reported last year. The number of cards issued during the year was 15,362 of which 9,464 were to males and 5,898 to females. The registration reported last year was 15,383.

The privilege to draw books from the Library, for home use, is extended to all inhabitants of the city upon giving satisfactory security in the form of a guaranty signed by some responsible citizen, or by depositing three dollars; also to persons residing beyond the city limits in Cook County who have a permanent place of business or permanent occupation in the city. The Board has now under consideration an amendment to the rules, by which the same privilege shall be extended to other residents of Cook County beyond

the city limits, who shall pay to the Library the sum of three dollars per annum.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The circulating department has been open for the delivery of books 307 days during the year, and the number of volumes taken out for home use was 709,527, of which 136,682 were issued from the Delivery Stations. The daily average was 2,311 volumes, an increase of 4.7 per cent over the daily average reported last year, which was 2,207. The circulation for the 277 days during which the Library was open in that year was 626,825; in 1886, 608,708; and in 1885, 519,691.

The largest number of books issued in any one day was 3,967, on February 11th, and the smallest number 1,095, on November 11th. The daily average evening circulation was 331. The amount received for fines was \$4,053.33.

The following table shows the circulation and daily average by months for the past two years:

1887-'88				1886-'87			
MONTH.	Days.	Circulation.	Daily Av'r'ge	MONTH.	Days.	Circulation.	Daily Av'r'ge
June.....	26	52,408	2,016	June.....	Closed.		
July.....	25	50,483	2,019	July.....	22	37,847	1,680
August.....	27	54,985	2,036	August.....	26	49,123	1,889
September.....	26	51,624	1,985	September.....	26	48,706	1,873
October.....	25	55,300	2,212	October.....	26	55,403	2,131
November.....	25	57,096	2,284	November.....	26	57,312	2,292
December.....	26	60,655	2,333	December.....	26	59,732	2,297
January.....	25	66,218	2,649	January.....	25	65,730	2,629
February.....	24	66,870	2,786	February.....	23	65,925	2,866
March.....	27	73,753	2,732	March.....	27	70,935	2,627
April.....	25	59,898	2,396	April.....	25	61,071	2,443
May.....	26	60,237	2,317	May.....	25	55,041	2,202
Total.....	307	709,527	2,311	Total.....	277	626,825	2,207

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The Delivery Stations continue to add largely to the usefulness of the Library. Seven stations have been in operation during the year. Station No. III was consolidated with No. VIII last August, the latter being now known as No. III. Shortly after the annexation of Hyde Park a delivery station was opened in that section of the city but after being in operation only a few weeks was closed, the Supreme Court having declared the annexation illegal. The number of volumes issued from the stations was 136,682, being more than one-fifth of the books taken from the Library for home use. The number reported last year was 123,036, showing an increase of 11 per cent. It is estimated that the average cost to the Library to deliver books through stations is $4\frac{1}{2}$ cents per volume. The location of the stations, the number of books delivered, and the persons in charge are as follows:

STATION.	LOCATION.	IN CHARGE OF	ISSUES.
I.....	154 22nd St.....	P. V. Fitzpatrick.....	15,461
II.....	278 W. 12th St.....	Frank Kotzum.....	20,923
III.....	1030 Milwaukee Ave.	Charles J. Heib.....	8,585
IV.....	817 W. Madison St...	R. C. Holland.....	17,695
V.....	349 Division St.....	R. E. Burke.....	24,525
VI.....	233 31st St.....	A. N. Dunning.....	24,069
VII.....	531 W. 18th St.....	Anton Janes	22,998
VIII.....	409 Milwaukee Ave..	P. O. Stensland	2,426
Total Issues.....			136,682

In the following table are given the issues of each Delivery Station by months:

STATION.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	Totals.
I.	1269	1090	1125	1154	1212	1218	1355	1426	1408	1589	1283	1357	15,461
II.	1679	1463	1483	1423	1528	1691	1842	2097	1926	2359	1667	1765	20,923
III.	916	770	740	Closed	last	Aug	ust.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,426
IV.	1478	1069	1153	1248	1430	1460	1507	1726	1583	1880	1507	1654	17,695
V.	2063	1661	1615	1664	1907	1807	2069	2296	2409	2496	2226	2282	24,525
VI.	1936	1572	1738	1768	1922	1968	2122	2177	2118	2500	2091	2157	24,069
VII.	1581	1221	1245	1252	1572	1769	2244	2750	2760	2725	1989	1890	22,998
VIII.	343	389	497	614	762	740	757	821	844	905	920	993	8,585
Totals	11265	9235	9626	9123	10333	10653	11896	13293	13043	14454	11683	12078	136682

The classification of books issued from the Delivery Stations has been kept by languages. Of books in the English language the issue was 77 per cent ; 11 per cent were in the Bohemian language ; 9 per cent in the German ; 1.5 per cent in the Scandinavian, and 1.5 per cent in other modern languages.

CLASSIFICATION OF THE CIRCULATION.

The following table shows the percentage of circulation in each of the seven classes compared with the five preceding years. The statistics indicate but a slight change in the classes of books which have been drawn from the Library:

	1898.	1897.	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
History and Biography.....	9.12	9.61	8.78	8.69	8.81	8.72
Voyages and Travels.....	4.40	4.37	4.25	4.49	4.23	4.17
Science and Art	6.04	6.56	6.62	6.79	7.12	6.92
Poetry and Drama	3.40	3.97	4.03	3.91	3.89	3.85
English Prose Fiction and Juveniles	61.44	60.89	60.22	60.12	59.73	60.36
Books in Continental Languages.	12.32	10.70	12.05	11.94	11.97	11.81
Miscellaneous.....	3.28	3.90	4.05	4.01	4.25	4.17

The increase in the class of books in continental languages is no doubt due to a series of articles on the German collec-

tion of the Library, written by my assistant Mr. E. F. L. Gauss, and which appeared in "Der Westen" last winter. Since then that paper has called the attention of its readers to all new accessions of German books received by the Library, which has resulted in an increased demand for books in that department.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

In no other department of the Library has there been a greater increase in the number of visitors and in the use of books than in the reference department. With accommodations for 125 readers, the room is often crowded beyond its capacity. For the convenience and comfort of the lady visitors a part of the room has been set aside for their exclusive use and enclosed by a wire railing. This space has been neatly carpeted and furnished with new tables and chairs. Since this was done the number of lady visitors has increased to a notable extent. The total number of visitors to the reference department was 101,714, an increase of 28.2 per cent over the aggregate number reported last year, which was 79,345. The number of books used was 251,310 against 208,470 reported last year, an increase of 20 per cent. The statistics of the department from month to month are given in the following table with those of the preceding year:

MONTH.	1887-'88.		MONTH.	1886-'87.	
	VISITORS.	VOLUMES.		VISITORS.	VOLUMES.
June	6,324	15,062	June	Closed.	-----
July	5,750	14,372	July	4,673	11,474
August	6,913	16,977	August	5,785	15,633
September ...	6,538	16,677	September ...	6,126	17,034
October	6,996	16,799	October	6,237	18,683
November ...	8,553	22,095	November ...	6,956	20,541
December ...	9,773	24,595	December ...	7,496	19,509
January	11,315	25,721	January	9,236	24,901
February	11,773	30,094	February	9,108	23,320
March	11,618	25,898	March	9,394	22,976
April	8,172	21,153	April	7,607	17,965
May	7,990	20,867	May	6,727	16,434
Total	101,714	251,310	Total	79,345	208,470

The classification of the books used in the reference department was as follows: Arts and Sciences, 22 per cent; History and Biography, 17.3 per cent; Periodicals, 20 per cent; Travels, 6.2 per cent; Encyclopædias, 3.3 per cent; Atlases and Statistics, 2 per cent; Documents, 1.6 per cent; Bibliography, 1.3 per cent; Language and Literature, 6.3 per cent; Miscellaneous, 20 per cent.

There has been a noticeable increase in the demand for books relating to the fine arts. The Library now possesses a valuable collection of works on this subject, which are always accessible to persons who wish to use them for artistic purposes, it not being the intention to show them as picture books.

PATENT AND MEDICAL REFERENCE BOOKS.

The number of visitors to this department was 8993, who consulted 20,721 patent reports and 11,781 medical books. The number reported last year was 7,716 visitors, 19,740 patent books consulted and 8,057 medical books used. The statistics of the department are given in the following table:

MONTH.	1887-'88.			MONTH.	1886-'87.		
	VISITORS.	PATENT BOOKS.	MEDICAL BOOKS.		VISITORS.	PATENT BOOKS.	MEDICAL BOOKS.
June	644	1,764	692	June	Closed.	----	---
July	651	1,171	988	July	560	1,618	443
August ...	700	1,508	952	August ...	762	1,667	642
September.	634	1,687	840	September.	793	1,661	717
October ...	689	1,629	767	October ...	660	1,898	855
November..	662	1,335	828	November..	681	1,904	724
December..	732	2,130	899	December..	697	1,753	1,027
January ...	843	2,005	1,058	January ...	735	2,432	731
February...	863	1,679	1,305	February...	682	2,062	655
March ...	964	2,003	1,351	March ...	764	1,592	830
April	850	1,940	1,112	April	727	1,624	682
May	761	1,875	989	May	656	1,529	751
Total ...	8,993	20,721	11,781	Total ...	7,716	19,740	8,057

It will soon be found necessary to remove the medical books from their present location in order to provide shelf room

for the rapidly growing sets of British and American patent reports. The medical collection too continues to receive additions, and better accommodations with sufficient shelf room can be provided for it on the platform in the main book room.

READING ROOM.

The number of visitors to the reading room was 237,357 and the issues of periodicals 264,622. The number of visitors reported last year was 184,947, and the issues of periodicals 205,951. The average number of Sunday visitors was 392. The number of serials on file is 489, comprising 337 periodicals and 152 special newspapers. Of the periodicals 279 are bought and 58 are given; 182 are American publications, 85 English, 50 German, 6 French, 6 Scandinavian, and 2 of other nationalities. Of the special newspapers 37 are dailies, and 115 weeklies; 27 of the dailies are bought, and 97 of the weeklies are donated by the publishers. A list of the serials donated is given in appendix C. The following table gives the statistics of the reading room for the past two years month by month:

MONTH.	1887-'88.			MONTH.	1886-'87		
	VISITORS.	PERIODICALS ISSUED.	AV. SUNDAY VIS.		VISITORS.	PERIODICALS ISSUED.	AV. SUNDAY VIS.
June	15,520	17,296	337	June	Closed.	-----	----
July	13,177	15,006	259	July	10,274	11,449	247
August	14,268	16,260	316	August	12,161	13,354	273
September .	13,457	15,104	275	September .	11,012	12,114	295
October	17,151	18,985	362	October	13,650	14,978	332
November .	18,616	20,921	419	November .	16,235	17,350	430
December .	23,065	24,574	416	December .	19,354	21,423	497
January	25,391	28,364	482	January	23,398	26,097	503
February ...	26,041	28,962	509	February ...	22,360	25,028	491
March	28,842	32,219	520	March	22,541	25,358	535
April	21,670	24,362	430	April	17,859	20,150	412
May	20,259	22,569	382	May	16,108	18,150	338
Total ...	237,357	264,622	392	Total ...	184,947	205,951	396

The new reading room opposite the Council Chamber, which will be ready for occupancy about July 15th, is a large,

well lighted room measuring 80 x 39 feet and is 26 feet 6 inches high. Adjoining it on the south is a smaller room, which will be used for shelving the files of bound newspapers and for arranging and storing unbound serials. The new room will be provided with newspaper racks for keeping on file thirty of the representative daily newspapers of the leading cities in the United States.

FINDING LISTS AND CARD CATALOGUE.

During the past year there has been issued a third supplement to the Finding List; also an alphabetical list of the reference books in the Library. The experiment has also been made of issuing a printed bulletin of the new accessions, and it has proved so successful that the practice will be continued. Two numbers have already been published in editions of 2,500, and a third is now in press. Copies are sold to the public at three cents each. By this means the patrons of the Library are kept informed of all the books added both for circulation and for reference. The amount received from the sale of Finding Lists, Supplements and Bulletins was \$580.81.

The card catalogue has been kept complete to the latest books received. For its better preservation and safety, a new file case has been ordered with a capacity for 350,000 cards.

ADMINISTRATION.

The total number of persons employed in the Library is 64, of whom 42 are regularly employed on the day force and 9 on the evening force. There are also on the day force five substitutes and two on the evening force. In addition the Library employs four janitors, a night-watchman and an electrician.

William F. Poole, LL. D., for thirteen years librarian of this library, resigned his position on July 23, 1887, to take charge of the organization of the Newberry Library.

BINDING.

The number of books sent to the binders who have contracted for the binding was 10,615, of which P. Ringer & Co., who do the finer grade of binding, received 1873. T. Asmus & Co., A. Janes, and J. Flucke, who did the common grade of binding, received each respectively 3,695, 3180 and 1,867 books. The number of books repaired by the Library attendants was 7,759. The amount expended for binding was \$4,744.35.

ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

The annual examination was begun in March on the same plan pursued heretofore, without closing the Library or interfering with the circulation. The number of books not accounted for is 81 of which 46 are English prose fiction and juvenile books, and 35 in all other classes. Of the 85 volumes unaccounted for last year, 19 have since been found.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK H. HILD,
Librarian.



APPENDIX A.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FROM 1875 TO 1888.

	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.
Books in the Library	39,236	49,024	51,409	57,981	60,428	67,772	77,140	87,272	94,606	106,341	111,621	119,510	125,129	138,902
Total Accessions	21,053	10,251	3,399	7,876	4,297	8,440	11,920	11,698	9,416	12,972	6,836	10,599	11,353	13,297
Purchased	20,122	8,056	2,441	6,544	3,010	7,799	9,814	9,691	8,065	11,709	5,092	8,215	9,700	10,184
Donated	969	1,195	956	1,332	1,277	641	2,106	1,317	1,351	1,173	1,144	2,384	1,653	3,189
Expended for	\$26,410 68	\$10,754 19	\$2,504 17	\$9,078 06	\$2,907 27	\$7,404 52	\$10,943 72	\$10,052 62	\$10,814 52	\$12,993 86	\$6,960 14	\$9,405 38	\$10,439 19	\$12,124 76
Worn out	38	463	1,015	1,801	1,848	1,137	2,502	946	2,062	775	688	1,916	734	2,038
Unaccounted for	322	421	286	196	210	160	281	297	393	1,237	362	202	85	81
Pamphlets, Accessions of	1,914	354	282	419	1,037	487	648	2,133	1,412	604	3,201	1,327	2,643	12,373
New Registrations of Book Borrowers	29,710	9,843	6,894	11,831	9,130	9,506	10,905	10,311	11,174	12,679	13,297	13,845	15,393	15,3
Circulation of Books	399,156	405,747	398,090	354,506	369,428	306,751	352,801	349,377	376,475	429,313	519,691	606,706	696,225	709,537
Daily Average	1,313	1,366	1,301	1,166	1,205	1,002	1,161	1,144	1,259	1,404	1,701	2,040	2,263	2,311
Largest issue, one day	2,539	2,631	2,501	3,909	2,339	2,176	2,421	2,358	2,651	3,317	3,720	5,897	4,968	3,967
Smallest issue, one day	329	696	732	572	662	613	630	676	637	684	1,007	1,221	1,390	1,065
Received for Fines	\$ 2,648 72	\$2,831 44	\$2,710 64	\$1,859 57	\$1,892 70	\$1,775 72	\$2,064 35	\$2,109 18	\$2,220 35	\$2,854 22	\$3,088 00	\$3,613 44	\$3,414 63	\$4,053 33
Reading Room, Periodicals on File	288	285	220	310	238	221	241	252	265	281	328	325	342	337
Newspapers on File	80	101	91	98	118	128	120	124	123	141	148	136	122	112
Visitors	256,021	238,795	199,760	181,052	186,585	189,536	302,796	366,118	543,456	601,362	623,245	655,816	181,947	237,357
Periodicals Issued	133,335	138,984	127,428	115,575	119,547	124,597	184,617	199,471	264,619	285,422	282,613	300,345	216,951	264,622
Sunday Readers, Average	560	360	296	290	290	297	297	1,060	1,587	1,705	1,630	1,743	306	392
Cost of Serials	\$1,915 94	\$2,300 55	\$1,495 14	\$1,377 36	\$1,635 32	\$1,705 54	\$1,677 06	\$1,384 34	\$2,136 38	\$1,797 72	\$1,941 68	\$1,441 81	\$1,503 31	\$1,179 15
Reference Department Visitors	5,528	8,375	16,916	30,314	28,105	32,340	39,484	38,484	42,714	59,496	57,690	66,498	79,345	101,714
Issues	18,283	15,790	37,486	69,091	68,115	68,115	97,584	117,074	134,094	175,360	115,652	157,345	208,470	251,310
Binding, Cost of	\$1,901 80	\$1,356 57	\$2,993 25	\$2,729 35	\$3,944 02	\$3,167 01	\$3,864 65	\$3,813 32	\$3,814 47	\$3,353 61	\$3,618 02	\$4,306 54	\$3,760 18	\$4,744 35
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Brymner, Douglas.....	3	..
Buffalo Evening News.....	1	..
Buffalo Historical Society.....	..	2
Buffalo Library.....	..	1
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July 20, 1872.

WICKERSHAM, W. B., Secretary, since July 20, 1872.

POOLE, WM. F., LL.D., Librarian, from Oct. 25, 1873 to
Aug. 31, 1887.

HILD, FREDERICK H., Librarian, since October 15, 1887.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

Librarian: FREDERICK H. HILD.

Assistant Librarians:

WM. B. WICKERSHAM,	ELIZABETH A. YOUNG,
E. F. L. GAUSS,	KATE M. HENNEBERRY.

Library Assistants:

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W. A. PURER,	ANNA REDELL,
REIDAR ARENTZ,	JESSIE BOOTH,
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J. F. PHELAN,	BERTHA HARTMAN,
LILYAN G. MORAWSKI,	MARY M. HISCHEN,
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MARGARET KEARNEY,	OTTO GOLDBERGER,
MAY BOSTETTER,	JAMES J. KELLY,
MAY I. CARROLL,	FRANK E. WASKA,
HATTIE HYDE,	JAMES REZNY,
SOPHIE WARHANIK,	CARL B. RODEN,
CHARLES LHOTKA,	FRANK H. PENNY,
ANNA FITZGERALD,	W. L. SHIDE,
STEPHANIE SKORAZINSKA,	J. C. BARBEE,
VIRGINIA A. SHERWOOD,	ARTHUR PORGES,
EMILY KOUPAL,	JOHN KOSTKA,
AMELIA M. PLATT,	FRANK HOLMES,
MARY SCANLAN,	JOHN BARRON.

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E. L. DWORAK,	B. SLADEK,
JOHN STEISKAL,	WILBUR THOMPSON,
JOHN TAUCHEN,	H. G. WILSON,
W. S. NEWBERGER,	GUY GIBSON.

Janitors:

N. S. PURVANCE,	H. J. SEIDSCHEK,
EMIL SCHÖNBACHER,	CHARLES JACKSON,
	MARY SMITH.

Night Watchman: A. S. EINSTEIN.

Electrician: CHAS. RYAN.

Expressman for Delivery Stations: MORRIS ROSENST

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen: In accordance with the provisions of section seven of the State Library Law, the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library herewith respectfully submit for your information and consideration their seventeenth annual report.

As to the general condition of our trust, we take pleasure and pride in reporting that in every particular it is in a most prosperous and gratifying state. The growth and use of the Library has been steady in all of its departments and almost phenomenal in some, notably in the Reference and Reading Rooms.

The number of volumes in the Library is 149,166, an increase of 10,254 volumes during the year, and it now ranks in this particular among the largest libraries in the country. The total circulation of books in all departments for the past year was 1,114,964, of which 750,188 were taken out for home use. In point of circulation the Chicago Public Library now stands at the head of the list, Boston coming next with a circulation last year of 1,013,847.

The number of visitors to the Reference Department was 117,810, an increase of 16,106; the number of volumes called for, 328,765, an increase of 77,455. The new Reading Room opposite the Council Chamber was opened Aug. 27, 1888, and the public have shown their appreciation of the improved accommodations thus afforded by an attendance which has increased from 237,357, the year previous, to

341,814 during the past year. The number of periodicals issued was 323,365, an increase of 58,743. Notwithstanding the large circulation of books, only 135 were shown to be missing at the last annual examination. This is an increase of 54 over last year, but so small that it speaks well for the careful oversight of the Library by the Librarian and his assistants. In this connection we desire to commend most heartily the faithful and efficient service of the Librarian, attendants and employees of the Library, who have, by their zeal and uniform courtesy and attention, aided in increasing the efficiency of the Library, and commending it to the enlarged support of the public.

The total amount of money appropriated and received from all sources during the past year was \$87,883.02, and the total expenditures \$87,949.37.

The accompanying reports of the Secretary and Librarian will give in detail all further needed and required information as to receipts and expenditures, the condition of the Library, and particulars of the work of the past year.

Last year the Board of Directors notified your honorable body of the important legacy of \$10,000 left to the Library by the late Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Ryder, one-half of which (\$5,000) has been paid over to the Secretary, as appears in his report. It is gratifying to be able to report that another of Chicago's liberal citizens, the late Mr. Hiram Kelly, has shown his appreciation of the great work to be done by this Library, and has left a bequest estimated to be at least \$20,000, and which may by the time the Library can, under the conditions of his will, avail itself of the legacy, amount to even a much more munificent sum.

In about four years, if the Library continues its present rate of growth, all its available book space will be occupied, and it will have to again resort to make-shifts in order to carry on its work; therefore, the one great problem that still confronts the people is: "How shall a suitable building be secured for this great and valuable Library?" It goes without saying that the Public Library building

must be a credit to the city of Chicago, accessible to all the people, and of dimensions that will be ample for its future accessions, and a structure that shall be adequate to the needs of a city of 3,000,000 of inhabitants.

It does not necessarily follow that there shall be only one Library Building for the great metropolis of the Northwest; undoubtedly numerous branch libraries will of necessity be established all over its area, but a great central Library will be needed, and must be of proportions and have accommodations commensurate with its importance as related to the city's population and needs. The expense of such an institution must be borne by the people, and we firmly believe they will not grudge the expenditure incurred.

The Board of Directors can see no better way of raising the funds necessary to provide for the wants of the Library than by taxation, and, with this in view, caused to be prepared and presented to the Legislature a bill which would permit a tax of *2 mills* on the dollar on the assessed valuation of Chicago property. This is an increase from $\frac{1}{2}$ mill, the present tax, which only furnishes sufficient revenue for the annual operating expenses of the Library and for the limited purchase of necessary books, leaving almost nothing to apply for construction purposes. The Library tax is outside of the two per-cent limitation, but can only be levied by and with the consent of the City Council. Although the bill was unanimously recommended by the Library Board and was approved by the Mayor of Chicago, it did not receive the support of the members of the Legislature from Chicago, nor even their consideration, and therefore no favorable action was had upon it. The failure to pass the bill postpones the possibility of making any financial provision for a structure for the Library until the matter can receive the consideration of a future Legislature, the members of which will appreciate the value, uses, and demands of a public library, and the necessity of providing adequate accommodations to satisfy the public requirements. The present quarters of the

Library will answer for a few years longer, but the Library can never rise to the full measure of its usefulness or be what it ought to this city until it is in a home of its own. We are but tenants at will, and soon all the space now occupied by the Library will be needed for the use of the city departments. It is therefore imperative that this question of the erection of a separate Library building shall be met, and wisely determined. In properly looking after the material interests of the city, its moral interests, which, after all, are of the greater importance, must not be disregarded. No moral and educational agency can be compared in value to the Public Schools except the Public Library, and as you value the one, do not neglect the other. This subject requires not only thought, but a most careful consideration; it cannot be disposed of in an hour or in a day, and we feel that we are not asking too much when we urge upon your honorable body not only immediate action, but the benefit of the best thought and talent of your members to co-operate with the Board of Directors of the Library in devising ways and means to place the Chicago Public Library on such a basis as its importance demands and its needs require.

This Board still deems Dearborn Park the most convenient and desirable site for the central Library Building, both in respect to location and size, and we would ask that your body cause a special committee to be appointed which shall act with this Board, and fairly and fully consider the possibility and propriety of utilizing the Park for that purpose. This work should be commenced at once and be pushed to a final and complete conclusion, and after definite results have been reached, and your committee has reported back its finding to the Council, we earnestly hope your honorable body will by its official action and individual encouragement do all that lies in your power to inaugurate and further that which will be for all time the most conspicuous monument to the intelligence, liberality and forethought of our citizens. We have every reason to

believe that your honorable body fully appreciates the importance and value of this Library, both as an educator of our people and as a conservator of public morals, and yet we fear its interests are sometimes lost sight of amidst the multiplicity of objects that thrust themselves before you, and demand your attention. Public duties of an important character, and private business that must be looked after, prevent many of your members from giving any considerable time to the affairs of the Public Library. We may, therefore, be pardoned for urging the claims of this institution upon your thoughtful consideration.

WM. H. BEEBE, *President*.
M. UMBDENSTOCK,
L. W. KADLEC,
PLINY B. SMITH,
WM. KASPAR,
BERNHARD MOOS,
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JOHN G. SHORTALL,
EMIL G. HIRSCH,

Board of Directors of Chicago Public Library.

Chicago, June 8, 1889.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, }
CHICAGO, JUNE 8, 1889. }

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Gentlemen:—As required by the seventh section of the Act of the General Assembly, under which the Library is established and maintained, I beg to submit the following financial and statistical statements for the year ended May 31, 1889:

THE LIBRARY FUND.

Dr.

To Balances June 1, 1888:

Fund of 1877.....	\$ 2,799 75
“ “ 1878.....	7,896 94
“ “ 1879.....	12,837 75

\$23,534 44

“ “ 1888..... 94,540 60

To Appropriation by City Council,

March, 1889..... 80,320 00

To Miscellaneous Receipts from Jan.

1, 1888, to May 31, 1889..... 7,563 02

\$205,958 06

\$205,958 06

Cr.

By Department Public Works.....	\$4,019 28	
Freight and Expressage.....	287 26	
Printing and Stationery.....	1,167 29	
Newspapers and Periodicals.....	2,308 97	
Postage	222 02	
Expense.....	1,795 20	
Books lost and paid for; Found and money refunded.....	105 83	
Books.....	15,933 08	
Binding.....	4,941 44	
Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,225 09	
Heating and Lighting.....	4,806 30	
Salaries.....	41,353 00	
Delivery Stations.....	2,275 00	
Insurance.....	1,509 45	
Finding Lists.....	1,166 99	
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Total for maintenance of Library..	\$ 86,116 20	
Uncollected taxes for year 1887...	1,833 17	
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		\$ 87,949 37
		<hr/>
Total Resources of Library June 1, 1889,		\$118,008 69

CASH FUNDS.

Dr.

To Balance June 1, 1888.....	\$ 2,719 72
City Comptroller for Incidental	
Expenses.....	2,442 99
Security Deposits.....	710 00
Estate of Wm. H. Ryder, D. D.,	
Bequest.....	5,000 00

Cr.

By Incidental Expenses as per	
Vouchers Audited.....	1,218 28
Balance of Contingent Fund paid	
to Comptroller.....	1,892 64
Security Deposits Refunded.....	671 50
Balance June 1, 1889.....	5,790 29

\$10,872 71 \$10,872 71

SUMMARY OF BALANCE.

Incidental Fund.....	\$ 76 54
Security Deposits.....	613 75
Special Deposit Typo. Union.....	100 00
Wm. H. Ryder Fund.....	5,000 00
	<hr/> \$ 5,790 29

Revenue received from the following sources, and paid
monthly to Comptroller from Jan. 1, 1888, to May
31, 1889:

From Duplicates.....	\$ 173 12
Miscellaneous Sources.....	42 19
Old Paper.....	20 30
Finding Lists.....	918 10
Books Lost and Paid For.....	496 30
Fines	5,898 01
Non-Resident Permit Fund.....	15 00
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Total received and paid Comptroller	\$ 7,563 02

BOOKS.

Number of Books in Library June 1, 1889.....	149,166
“ “ purchased, in past year.....	11,714
“ “ donated “ “	1,081
“ “ unaccounted for.....	135

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. WICKERSHAM,

Secretary.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
 County of Cook. } ss.

I, W. B. WICKERSHAM, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library, do solemnly affirm that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,

Secretary.

Affirmed and subscribed to before me, this 8th day of June, A. D. 1889.

E. F. L. GAUSS,

[SEAL.]

Notary Public.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

CHICAGO, June 8, 1889.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to present herewith the seventeenth annual report of the Librarian on the condition and use of the Public Library for the year ending May 31, 1889, being my second report.

The record of the work carried on during the past year indicates the continued usefulness and success of the Library as an educational institution. It has been strengthened in all its departments, and is yearly becoming better fitted to meet the many wants which it is called upon to fill. In point of circulation of its books, this Library continues to occupy the first rank. Its growth which has been phenomenal, promises, however, to be seriously checked, as all the available shelf-room in sight for the storage of books, will, at the present rate of increase scarcely suffice for more than four years to come. Already many parts of the work of the Library are rendered more difficult and less efficient for want of space.

The total number of volumes now in the Library is 149,166, showing a net increase of 10,254 volumes during the past year. The daily average of books taken out for home use has increased from 2,311 to 2,465.

The aggregate circulation of books in all departments was 1,114,964, distributed as follows:

	Volumes.
Circulating Department.....	597,439
Delivery Stations and Schools.....	153,749
Reference Department.....	328,765
Patent Department.....	21,058
Medical Department.....	13,953

Total..... 1,114,964

The following statistics give in detail the work of the Library in each department. A summary of the statistics for the last thirteen years will be found in appendix A.

BOOKS.

The number of volumes in the Library at the close of the year was 149,166, a net increase of 10,264 over the number reported last year, which was 138,902. The entire accessions of the year numbered 12,795 volumes, of which 2,599 were added to replace worn-out books, and are not included in the net increase of the Library. Of the books added, 11,714 were bought and 1,081 were donated. The accessions of pamphlets numbered 3,831. The number of books worn out and condemned was 2,090, of which 1,026 were English prose fiction, 641 juvenile books, 226 German books, and 207 in other classes. The books worn out were chiefly of the most popular and inexpensive kind, and new copies have been purchased to replace them, except in some cases where the books were out of print. There were lost and paid for during the past year 198 volumes; these were deducted from the total number of volumes in the Library, as were also 243 volumes which were reported missing in previous years.

In the following table is given a classification of the number of volumes added during the year, and the extent of each class in the Library:

	Total Acces- sions of the year.	Total No. of volumes in Library.
History.....	668	9,064
Biography.....	465	6,018
Travels.....	411	5,613
Poetry and Drama.....	289	3,373
Essays and Miscellanies.....	125	2,458
Polygraphy and Collected Works.....	62	2,496
Fine Arts.....	163	3,818
Natural Sciences.....	216	3,673
Practical Arts (including Patents).....	417	8,059
Political and Social Science.....	318	3,282
Language and Literature.....	485	2,399
Mental and Moral Science.....	105	1,810
Ancient Classics.....	313	1,057
Religion.....	247	4,025
Medicine.....	44	3,733
Law.....	24	674
Periodicals and Newspapers.....	1,024	15,301
Gov't Doc's and State Papers.....	664	8,788
Bibliography.....	60	1,221
Dictionaries and Encyclopedias.....	120	2,104
English Prose Fiction.....	2,312	21,342
Juvenile Literature.....	1,623	5,701
German Literature.....	1,338	16,543
French Literature.....	291	6,305
Italian Literature.....	2	431
Spanish Literature.....	9	177
Dutch Literature.....	146	1,214
Bohemian Literature.....	784	3,940
Polish Literature.....		1,003
Russian Literature.....	4	4
Scandinavian Literature.....	66	3,540
Total	12,795	149,166

The amount expended for books was \$15,933.08. A large number of the works added to the Library during the

year, have been of a class calculated to increase its value as a reference library. Among the more notable acquisitions may be mentioned the following:

Publications of the English Dialect Society, 51 vols.; Faber, G. S., *Origin of Pagan Idolatry*, 3 vols. 4; *Galerie du Musee Napoleon*, 11 vols.; Giraud, J. B., *Les Arts du Metal*; Guillim, J., *Display of Heraldry*, 1724; Higgins, G., *Anacalypsis*, 2 vols.; *The Lismore Papers*, Ed. by Grosart, 10 vols.; *Manx Society Publications*, 17 vols.; *Muybridge, E., Animal Locomotion*; *Oriental Translation Fund Publications*, 101 vols.; Ormerod, G., *History of Chester*, 2 vols. folio; *New Shakspeare Society Publications*, 33 vols.; *Percy Society Publications*, 30 vols.; *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*, 1879 to date, completing the set; *Shakespeare's Works*, 1623 Ed. (Staunton's facsimile); *Society of Biblical Archaeology, Transactions*, 8 vols.; *Lord Somer's Collection of scarce and valuable Tracts*, 13 vols. 4to; *Spenser Society Publications*, 45 vols.; *Survey of Western Palestine*, 11 vols.; *Teubner's Collection of Greek and Roman authors*, 288 vols. A most valuable addition to the historical department of the Library has been the series of *Chronicles and Memorials of Great Britain*, and the *Calendars of State Papers*. Partial sets of these publications were donated to the Library by the English government in 1872, and the volumes issued since that time have recently been added.

BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS.

Through the generosity of the late Mr. Hiram Kelly, of this city, the Library has received a bequest of \$20,000, and a residuary interest in his estate, which, when it becomes available under the conditions of his will, may amount to a much larger sum. The executors of the Ryder Estate have paid to the Library \$5,000, being one-half of the sum left by the will of the late Rev. Dr. W. H. Ryder.

The donations of books to the Library numbered 1081 volumes, and include a number of valuable works. Dr. H. A. Johnson presented 6 volumes and 1,006 pamphlets; Dr. L. W. Case, 900 pamphlets, and Dr. J. H. Etheridge, 172 pamphlets. These three donations consisted chiefly of medical serials and pamphlets, which have been placed in the medical department. Mrs. B. Schoeneman donated 155 volumes of Dutch literature. From Dr. S. A. Green, of Boston, we received 11 volumes and 60 pamphlets; from Mr. G. Syndacker, 44 volumes; from Mrs. C. B. Lawrence, 33 volumes; from Mr. W. M. Payne, 19 volumes and 3 pamphlets. The late J. O. Halliwell Phillips presented 6 volumes of his privately printed Shakspeareana. The Commissioner of Patents of Great Britain presented 103 volumes of recent specifications and indexes. From the various departments of the United States Government at Washington the Library has received, in the aggregate, 333 volumes and 51 pamphlets. The State Department, through the Hon. T. B. Bayard, ex-Secretary of State, presented a complete set of the Records of the Second Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims, numbering 153 volumes. This set is one of thirteen which had been bound for public use, and is of peculiar value to persons who are interested in the judgments rendered by that Court. A complete list of the donors will be found in Appendix B.

BOOK BORROWERS.

The number of persons holding two-year cards, which entitle them to draw books from the Library, is 31,906, an increase of 1,161 over the number reported last year, which was 30,745. The number of cards issued during the past year was 16,544, of which 10,310 were issued to males and 6,234 to females. The registration reported last year was 15,362. The privileges of the Library have been extended to those residents of Cook County residing beyond the city limits and not engaged in a permanent occupation in the

city, who shall pay to the Library the sum of three dollars per annum. Only five persons, however, have taken out cards, under this rule, during the past year.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The circulating department has been open for the delivery of books 304 days during the past year, and the number of volumes taken out for home use was 749,445, including 152,006 volumes which were issued from the Delivery Stations. The daily average circulation for home use was 2,465, an increase of 6.3 per cent. over the daily average reported last year, which was 2,311. The circulation last year was 709,527; in 1887 (287 days), 626,825; in 1886, 608,708.

The largest number of books issued in any one day was 4,760, on February 23rd, and the smallest number, 1,526, on June 21st. The daily average evening circulation was 395. The amount received for fines was \$4192.72, the largest sum reported for any one year in the history of the Library. In the following table is given the circulation and daily average for each month during the past two years:

1888-'89.				1887-'88.			
MONTH.	Days.	Circulation.	Daily Av'age	MONTH.	Days.	Circulation.	Daily Av'age
June	26	52,720	2,028	June	26	52,408	2,016
July	25	51,114	2,024	July	25	50,483	2,019
August	25	55,675	2,140	August	27	54,985	2,036
September	25	52,780	2,111	September	26	51,624	1,985
October	27	59,886	2,218	October	25	55,300	2,212
November	25	61,835	2,359	November	25	57,096	2,284
December	24	64,446	2,685	December	26	60,655	2,333
January	26	73,035	2,809	January	25	66,218	2,649
February	23	69,861	3,016	February	24	66,870	2,786
March	26	74,564	2,868	March	27	73,753	2,733
April	25	69,878	2,759	April	25	59,898	2,396
May	26	64,151	2,544	May	26	60,237	2,317
Totals	804	749,445	2,465	Total	807	709,527	2,311

DELIVERY STATIONS.

Two new Delivery Stations have been opened during the past year, one located at 549 W. Indiana street, and the other at 381 Western avenue. Station No III, formerly located at 1030 Milwaukee avenue, was closed in November for want of patronage, and re-opened in February at 1035 Milwaukee Avenue. The total number of books issued from the stations was 152,006, an increase of 15,324 volumes over last year's issues. The location of the nine stations now in operation, the number of books delivered, and the persons in charge are as follows :

Station.	Location.	In charge of	Issues.
I.....	154 22d street.....	P. V. Fitzpatrick.....	16,173
II.....	279 W. 12th street.....	Frank Kotzum.....	20,628
III.....	549 W. Indiana street...	John C. Schropell.....	12,361
IV.....	817 W. Madison street...	R. C. Holland.....	19,434
V.....	349 W. Division Street...	Robert E. Burke.....	27,207
VI.....	233 81st street.....	Geo. W. Boulton.....	23,992
VII.....	513 W. 18th street.....	Anton Janes.....	23,832
VIII.....	381 Western avenue.....	Mrs. Mary Rooks.....	4,876
IX.....	1035 Milwaukee avenue.	S. Speirs.....	3,503
Total issues.....			152,006

STA- TION.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	Totals.
I....	1316	1122	1173	1100	1437	1433	1307	1517	1360	1501	1509	1398	16,173
II....	1628	1430	1432	1477	1893	1856	1822	2071	1704	1882	1749	1636	20,628
III...	992	825	774	624	464	879	1096	1358	1344	1457	1340	1208	12,361
IV..	1583	1276	1550	1439	1744	1587	1546	1718	1581	1894	1798	1718	19,434
V...	2136	1731	1885	1815	2315	2175	2062	2307	2350	2900	2863	2659	27,207
VI...	2126	1821	1900	1698	2009	1996	1951	2247	1902	2191	2062	2029	23,992
VII..	1523	1259	1374	1357	2000	2250	2588	3007	2500	2289	1921	1696	23,832
VIII.		Ope	ned	Feb. 1,	'89				397	1353	1581	1645	4,876
IX..		Ope	ned	Feb 1,	'89				310	607	1222	1364	3,503
Total	11301	9464	10198	9510	11922	12176	12372	14225	13466	15974	16045	15353	152006

CLASSIFICATION OF THE CIRCULATION.

The percentage of circulation for home use in each of the seven classes, compared with the reports of the five preceding years, is as follows:

	1889.	1888.	1887	1886.	1885.	1884.
History and Biography.....	9.54	9.12	9.61	8.78	8.69	8.81
Voyages and Travels.....	4.56	4.40	4.37	4.25	4.49	4.23
Science and Art.....	6.20	6.04	6.56	6.62	6.79	7.12
Poetry and Drama.....	3.32	3.40	3.97	4.03	3.91	3.89
Englise Prose Fiction and Ju- veniles.....	61.77	61.44	60.89	60.22	60.12	59.73
Books in Continental Languages,	11.25	12.32	10.70	12.05	11.94	11.97
Miscellaneous.....	2.86	2.28	3.90	4.05	4.01	4.25

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The want of additional space for the accommodation of the increasing number of persons who use the Library for reference, is more seriously felt in this department than in any other department of the Library. The statistics of last year represent probably the maximum number of readers who can be accommodated in the reading room with any degree of comfort. Under existing circumstances no further space can be provided for the reading public, and the future usefulness of the Library in this department promises to be seriously retarded. The number of readers last year was 117,810, who consulted 328,765 volumes. This is an increase 16 and 31 per cent. respectively over the number of readers and the volumes consulted in the year before. The number

of lady readers was 18,487. The statistics of the department from month to month for the last two years are given in the following table :

MONTH.	1888-89.		MONTH.	1887-88.	
	Visitors.	Volumes.		Visitors.	Volumes.
June	6,485	16,250	June	6,324	15,062
July	6,656	16,867	July	5,750	14,372
August	11,022	33,962	August	6,912	16,977
September	8,992	24,607	September	6,538	16,677
October	9,633	26,844	October	6,996	16,799
November	11,027	33,090	November	8,553	22,095
December	11,755	35,963	December	9,778	24,595
January	12,018	33,216	January	11,315	26,721
February	11,837	30,124	February	11,773	30,094
March	11,306	29,111	March	11,618	25,898
April	9,559	25,882	April	8,172	21,153
May	8,020	22,840	May	7,990	20,867
Total	117,810	328,765	Total	101,714	251,310

The classification of books used in the reference department was as follows: Arts and Sciences, 16.7 per cent.; History and Biography, 14.6 per cent.; Periodicals, (bound volumes), 19.6 per cent.; Voyages and Travels, 6.5 per cent.; Language and Literature, 7.1 per cent.; Cyclopædias, 4.7 per cent.; Atlases and Statistics, 1.7 per cent.; Public Documents 1.6 per cent.; Bibliography, 1.9 per cent.; Miscellaneous, 25.6 per cent.

PATENT, AND MEDICAL REFERENCE BOOKS.

The number of visitors to the Patent and Medical Departments was 11,024, who consulted 21,058 patent reports, and 13,953 medical books. This is an increase of 23 per cent in the number of visitors, and of 8 per cent in the number of books used, over the report of the preceding

year. In December last, the medical books were removed to the platform in the main book room, and placed in charge of a special attendant. A portion of the north half of the platform was set aside for a medical reference department, where persons desiring to consult books in this collection may be accommodated. The large donation of medical serials and pamphlets to the Library several years ago, which has received many additions from Chicago physicians individually, is now being put in order.

In the Patent Room the United States specifications have been so placed that persons wishing to consult them can have direct access to the books on the shelves. The department is closed at 5:30 P. M., but persons wishing to refer to the reports in the evening can have the volumes wanted brought to the Reference Room.

The Statistics of the Patent and Medical Reference Department for the past two years, are as follows:

MONTH.	1888-87.			MONTH.	1887-88.		
	Visitors.	Patent Books.	Medical Books		Visitors.	Patent Books.	Medical Books.
June	750	2,039	1,001	June ...	644	1,764	698
July	660	1,635	769	July ...	651	1,171	998
August ..	813	2,160	1,065	August..	700	1,503	953
Sept.....	723	1,648	968	Sept ...	684	1,687	840
Oct.....	878	2,125	1,048	Oct	680	1,629	767
Nov.....	856	1,949	984	Nov....	662	1,335	828
Dec.....	P. 589 M. 315	1,626	810	Dec.....	732	2,130	899
Jan.....	P. 622 M. 499	1,771	1,221	Jan	848	2,005	1,058
Feb.....	P. 583 M. 503	1,514	1,225	Feb	863	1,679	1,305
March...	P. 644 M. 554	1,625	1,600	March ..	964	2,008	1,351
April....	P. 581 M. 451	1,685	1,426	April...	850	1,940	1,112
May.....	P. 506 M. 506	1,277	1,836	May....	761	1,875	989
Total..	11,024	21,058	13,053	Total..	8,993	2,0721	11,781

READING ROOM.

The new reading room opposite the Council Chamber was opened to the public August 27th. The increased seating capacity of this room and its superior sanitary condition, in the matter of ventilation and light, over its former location on the platform in the main book room, has resulted in almost doubling the attendance of readers. The daily papers of leading cities which had been discontinued for several years, owing to want of space, have again been subscribed for and placed on file in the new room. The list of periodicals has been revised and many new serials have been added during the year.

The total attendance of readers was 341,814, an increase of 44 per cent. over the preceding year, which was 237,357. The issues of periodicals was 323,365, against 264,622 for the preceding year, or an increase of 23 per cent. The average attendance of Sunday visitors rose from 392 to 496. The statistics of attendance for each month during the past two years are as follows:

MONTH.	1888-'89.			MONTH.	1887-'88.		
	Visitors.	Periodicals Issued.	Av. Sunday Vis.		Visitors.	Periodicals Issued.	Av. Sunday Vis.
June.	17,229	19,354	334	June.	15,520	17,296	337
July.	17,873	19,975	319	July.	13,177	15,006	259
August. ...	15,439	17,342	355	August. ...	14,268	16,260	316
September	21,834	22,560	402	September	13,457	15,104	275
October ..	26,206	23,849	443	October ...	17,151	18,985	362
November	27,389	24,604	499	November	18,616	20,921	419
December	31,363	27,832	583	December	23,065	24,574	416
January ..	40,593	40,243	633	January ..	25,291	28,364	482
February.	39,137	34,600	615	February .	26,041	28,962	509
March. ...	39,696	35,166	702	March.	28,842	32,219	520
April.	33,594	29,887	621	April.	21,670	24,362	430
May.	31,462	27,953	470	May.	20,259	22,569	382
Total. ...	341,814	323,365	496	Total.		264,622	392

The total number of serials on file is 569, of which 394 are classed as periodicals, 121 weekly and special newspapers, and 54 dailies; in addition, the Library receives nine Chicago daily newspapers which are not placed on file, but are reserved for binding. Of the periodicals, 331 are bought and 63 are donated; 10 of the daily newspapers and 107 of the weeklies and specials are donated. A complete list of the serials donated is given in Appendix C. The amount expended for periodicals and newspapers was \$2,308.97, which includes, however, a considerable sum expended for the subscriptions of the preceding year.

Owing to the rapid growth of the bound files of newspapers the shelving erected in the smaller room, adjoining the reading room on the south, has already been found inadequate for storing these volumes. To provide for the future accessions to this collection I would recommend the construction of additional shelving in the large vault adjoining the patent room.

THE LIBRARY AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The principals of the following schools have availed themselves of the privilege of drawing books from the Library for the use of their pupils, namely: Hancock, Scammon, Brainard, Raymond, Humboldt, Von Humboldt, Harrison, and Calhoun. The number of books loaned to these schools was 1,743, a larger number than has been taken out in any previous year. Eleven classes from the North and West Division High Schools, and five classes from private schools, with their teachers, visited the Library rooms to examine a large number of books bearing on their studies.

FINDING LISTS AND CARD CATALOGUE.

Five bulletins, of 16 pages each, giving the titles of all new accessions, were issued during the year. The preparation of a revised edition of the Finding Lists, in which the edition of 1884 and the three supplements and seven bulletins issued since then, will be consolidated, and all the titles in each class brought together under one head, is now under way. The first part, consisting of a catalogue of English Prose Fiction and Juvenile books, forming 156 pages, was issued in January. The lists of History and Biography are almost ready for the press, and will be followed by lists of other departments of the Library as rapidly as they can be prepared.

The card catalogue which forms the most complete index to the contents of the Library, has been placed in charge of an experienced attendant, whose duty it is to give information and assistance to persons engaged in investigating special subjects, and to assist readers who desire more information than the Finding Lists give.

ADMINISTRATION.

Forty-four persons are regularly employed in the day service of the Library, and ten in the evening service; in addition there are nine substitutes, six in the day service and three in the evening service, who are called upon when extra help is needed or when regular employes are absent. These substitutes are paid only for the time they are actually at work. With five janitors, one night watchman, one electrician and one expressman, the total number of persons in the Library service is seventy-one. The amount expended for salaries was \$41,353.00.

BINDING.

The number of books sent to the binderies was 11,134, of which P. Ringer & Co., who do the finer grade of binding, received 1,609 books; Joseph Flucke and Anton James, who do the common binding, received each respectively 5,728 and 3,787 books. The number of books repaired by the library attendants was 12,091. The amount expended for binding was \$4,941.44.

ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

The annual examination shows 135 books unaccounted for, 71 of which are English prose fiction and juvenile books, and 64 in all other classes. A large number of the fiction and juvenile books will no doubt be recovered during the coming year, as their temporary disappearance in many cases is due to clerical errors in numbering the books. Of the 81 books unaccounted for last year, 17 have since been found.

Respectfully submitted,

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Librarian.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FROM 1877 TO 1889.

	1877	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.
Books in the Library.....													
Total Accessions.....	51,400	57,064	60,423	67,772	77,140	87,272	94,606	106,341	111,621	119,510	129,129	138,902	149,156
Purchased.....	3,309	7,876	4,987	8,440	11,920	11,043	9,416	12,072	6,836	10,599	11,452	13,367	12,735
Donated.....	2,441	6,544	3,010	7,798	9,814	9,691	8,065	11,799	6,842	8,945	9,700	10,134	11,714
Donated.....	985	1,332	1,277	2,061	2,106	1,317	1,351	1,173	1,144	9,254	1,632	3,189	1,061
Expended for.....	\$ 2,504 17	\$ 9,078 06	\$ 2,907 24	\$ 7,404 59	\$ 10,843 72	\$ 10,053 62	\$ 10,814 34	\$ 12,905 86	\$ 6,990 14	\$ 9,405 98	\$ 10,493 19	\$ 12,121 75	\$ 15,083 08
Worn out.....	1,015	1,301	1,848	1,137	2,302	407	2,082	1,227	698	1,916	734	2,683	2,940
Unaccounted for.....	298	1,196	1,210	160	251	297	383	775	362	322	83	61	132
Pamphlets, Accessions of.....	582	419	1,037	467	846	2,138	1,412	604	3,201	1,827	2,643	12,573	3,631
New Registration of Book Borrowers.....	6,631	11,831	9,130	9,505	10,905	10,241	11,174	12,009	13,297	13,445	15,883	15,983	16,544
Circulation of Books.....	398,000	351,506	398,428	396,731	352,901	349,177	376,475	425,313	519,691	608,708	638,625	709,152	740,445
Daily Average.....	1,301	1,166	1,263	1,092	1,161	1,144	1,259	1,404	1,704	2,040	2,203	2,311	2,465
Largest issue, one day.....	2,501	3,309	2,337	2,178	2,421	2,384	2,634	3,317	3,730	3,967	3,968	3,067	4,760
Smallest issue, one day.....	732	572	662	613	628	678	687	684	1,007	1,221	1,960	1,095	1,286
Received for Fines.....	\$ 2,710 64	\$ 1,959 57	\$ 1,462 70	\$ 1,775 72	\$ 2,061 35	\$ 2,169 18	\$ 2,220 36	\$ 2,854 32	\$ 3,068 00	\$ 3,673 44	\$ 3,444 63	\$ 4,063 93	\$ 4,192 72
Reading Room, Periodicals on File.....	220	210	228	221	241	252	265	284	328	325	342	337	364
Newspapers on File.....	91	98	118	128	120	134	135	141	148	156	122	152	179
Visitors.....	199,760	181,052	196,588	180,589	202,706	366,118	543,456	603,302	631,245	655,816	181,947	237,357	341,814
Periodicals issued.....	127,423	115,275	119,517	124,367	184,617	199,471	264,610	285,422	282,613	300,305	205,519	281,652	323,305
Sunday Readers, Average.....	296	280	290	287	698	1,060	1,367	1,705	1,690	1,743	381	392	496
Cost of Serials.....	\$ 1,495 14	\$ 1,277 28	\$ 1,635 52	\$ 1,705 54	\$ 1,677 69	\$ 1,391 84	\$ 2,158 28	\$ 1,797 72	\$ 1,911 93	\$ 1,444 94	\$ 1,508 31	\$ 1,179 15	\$ 2,904 97
Cost of Department visitors.....	8,375	16,916	30,214	23,105	32,840	38,494	42,734	59,096	57,692	66,498	79,345	101,714	117,810
Issues.....	15,700	37,498	63,691	68,115	97,564	117,074	134,004	176,390	145,050	157,345	203,476	251,311	348,765
Reference Department.....	\$ 2,963 25	\$ 2,723 55	\$ 3,864 02	\$ 2,167 01	\$ 3,904 65	\$ 3,413 82	\$ 2,814 46	\$ 3,953 61	\$ 3,618 01	\$ 4,206 54	\$ 3,760 18	\$ 4,741 35	\$ 4,941 44
Binding, Cost of.....	11,972 47	13,274 90	13,571 00	14,559 00	17,688 35	30,853 92	22,486 56	25,159 43	28,630 77	33,203 76	37,621 96	37,578 36	\$ 41,353 00
Amount paid for Salaries.....									65,271	106,993	123,035	136,693	152,

APPENDIX B.

LIST OF DONORS.

	Vols.	Pamp.
Aberdeen, Scotland, Public Library .....	..	2
Adams, Hon. George E.	1	..
Albany Medical College .....	..	2
Allen, John K.	1	..
American Institute of Homœopathy	1	..
American Institute of Mining Engineers	2	..
American Physicians and Surgeons, Congress of	1	..
American Surgical Association	1	..
Amherst College .....	..	2
Andover Theological Seminary .....	..	1
Army of the Potomac, Society of .....	..	1
Association for Advancement of Women .....	..	1
Association of American Physicians	1	..
Ayer, Dr. J. C.	1	..
Balatka Academy	1	..
Ball, T. H.	1	..
Ballard, H. C.	2	..
Baltimore Mercantile Library Association .....	..	1
Barbèra, G. ....	..	1
Barlow, Sam'l L. M., New York	1	..
Bates, J. L., Family of	1	..
Bedell, Dr. L. G. ....	..	1
Benton, J. H.	1	..
Birchard Library, Fremont, O. ....	..	2
Birmingham, England, Free Library .....	..	1
Boston, City of	6	..
Boston City Hospital	1	..

Boston Port and Seaman's Aid Society.....	--	1
Boston Public Library.....	2	1
Boston, West End Street Railway Co.....	--	1
Bowdoin College.....	--	3
Bradlee, C. D.....	1	--
Bridge, Dr. Norman.....	1	--
Bridgeport, Conn., Public Library.....	--	1
Brookline, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1
Brooklyn Library.....	--	3
Brotzkee, J.....	2	--
Brymner, D.....	2	--
Buffalo Historical Society.....	--	1
Burgher, J. C.....	1	--
Burlington, Vt., Fletcher Library.....	--	1
Canada, Geological and Natural History Survey.....	5	2
Cardiff, Wales, Free Library.....	--	1
Carr, L.....	--	4
Case, Dr. Lafayette W.....	--	900
Chaney, H. A.....	--	1
Channing, W.....	--	1
Chelsea, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1
Chicago Art Institute.....	1	--
Chicago Board of Education.....	6	1
Chicago Board of Trade, G. F. Stone, Sec.....	2	--
Chicago Citizens' Association.....	--	1
Chicago City Comptroller.....	--	1
Chicago, City of.....	2	--
Chicago, Fire Department.....	5	--
Chicago Union League Club.....	1	--
Chicago United Relief Association.....	--	1
Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.....	1	--
Cincinnati Public Library.....	5	1
Clinton, Mass., Bigelow Free Public Library.....	--	1
Coates, Robert.....	1	--
Coles, A.....	1	--
Concord, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1
Connecticut State Board of Health.....	1	--
Cornell University Library.....	--	--
Coronado Beach Co.....	--	1
Croasdale, W. T.....	1	--
Cullom, Hon. S. M.....	2	--
Davis, Dr. N. S., Jr.....	--	1
Dayton Public Library.....	--	1
Dawson Bros., Montreal.....	1	--
Dedham, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1
Detroit Public Library.....	--	1

Dietz, J. W.....	1	--
Dresden, City of.....	2	--
Dryden, Minta I.....	--	1
Dryer, Geo. L.....	1	--
Eberhart, Noble M.....	2	1
Enoch Pratt Free Library.....	--	1
Essex Institute.....	1	--
Etheridge, Dr. Jas. H.....	--	179
Ewing, T.....	--	1
Fellows, G. S., New York.....	1	--
Felton, Chas. E.....	--	1
Flick, L. F.....	--	1
Florence, Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale.....	--	32
Furnivall, P.....	--	1
Gardner, Victor.....	1	--
Garnsey, G. O.....	2	--
Gauss, E. F. L.....	16	--
Gay, G. W.....	--	1
Germantown Friends' Free Library.....	--	1
Goodspeed Publishing Co.....	1	--
Grand Rapids, Mich., Public Library.....	--	1
Great Britain, Commissioner of Patents.....	103	--
Greely, A. W.....	2	--
Green, Dr. Samuel A., Boston.....	11	60
Gurley, W. W.....	2	--
Guthrie, O.....	--	1
Hackett, Frank W.....	1	--
Hale, Dr. E. M.....	--	2
Hale, Eugene.....	1	--
Halliwell-Phillipps, J. O.....	6	--
Hamburgher, E. C.....	--	1
Hamilton, M. R.....	1	--
Harrassowitz, O.....	1	--
Hart, W. F.....	2	--
Hartford, Conn., Library Association.....	--	8
Harvard University.....	2	1
Haskins, Clark C.....	3	--
Hastings, D. H.....	1	--
Hauxhurst, A.....	19	--
Haverhill, Mass., Public Library.....	1	--
Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland.....	1	--
Hild, F. H.....	--	7
Hirsch, Dr. Emil G.....	2	6
Hirsch, Dr. Samuel.....	1	--
Hoepli, Ulrico, Milan, Italy.....	--	1
Hoffer, J. R., Mount Joy, Pa.....	--	2

Hooper, F. H.....	1	
Horton, E. A.....	1	
Howe, S. G.....	7	
Hussey, Dr Curtis J., Pittsburgh, Pa.....	1	--
Illinois Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.....	1	
Illinois State Board of Health.....	4	--
Illinois State Medical Society.....	1	--
Indian Rights Association.....	2	--
Indiana State Librarian.....	1	
Indiana State Board of Health.....	1	--
Indianapolis Board of Education.....	1	
Indianapolis Public Library.....	1	
Irish Catholic Benevolent Union of the United States.....	1	
Iowa Agricultural College.....	1	
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.....	2	
Johnson, Dr. H. A.....	6	1,006
Jones, Dr. S. J.....8 packages Medical Pamphlets.		
Julian, G. W.....	1	--
Kean, S. A. & Co.....	1	--
Kilbourne, Dr. E. A. ..	2	--
Kimball, D., Downer's Grove, Ill.....	2	--
Lake Forest University.....	1	
Lancaster, A. E.....	1	--
Lancaster, Mass., Library Committee.....	1	
Lane, Wm. C.	7	
Law Society of Upper Canada.....	1	
Lawler, Hon. Frank.....	1	--
Lawrence, Mrs. C. B.....	33	--
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library.....	1	
Leamington Spa, Free Public Library.....	1	
Leeds, Eng., Free Library.....	1	
Lenc, Adolph.....	1	--
Levy, Dr. Jos.....	1	--
Lewis, Richard, New York City.....	1	--
Liverpool, Eng., Free Public Library.....	1	
Lowell, Mass., City Library.....	2	
Lynn, Mass., Public Library.....	1	
McClure, J. B.....	10	--
Macfie, R. A., M. P.....	1	1
McKee, J. C.....	1	--
Malden, Mass., Public Library.....	1	
Manchester, Eng., Free Public Library.....	1	
Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society.....	4	--
Manchester, N. H., City Library.....	1	
Marcus, A. A., Boston.....	1	
Marlborough, Mass., Public Library.....	1	

Marsh, L. E., Boston.....	1	..
Massachusetts Medical Society.....	..	1
Massachusetts Secretary of Commonwealth.....	6	..
Massachusetts State Library.....	..	1
Mathews, Grace.....	2	..
Mayer, Isaac H.....	17	..
Mears, Dr. J. E.....	8	..
Mecheike, Chas.....	8	..
Melrose, Mass., Public Library.....	..	1
Melrose, Mass., Town of.....	..	1
Michigan Central Rail Road.....	1	1
Michigan State Board of Health.....	2	5
Michigan State Librarian.....	13	..
Miller, T. S.....	1	..
Milwaukee Public Library.....	..	8
Minnesota Historical Society.....	..	1
Molee, E.....	1	..
Momerie, A. W.....	7	..
National Life Insurance Co.....	8	..
Nelson, Lars P.....	2	..
New Haven Public Library.....	..	1
New Sydenham Society.....	..	1
New York City, American Veterinary College.....	..	1
New York City, Apprentices' Library.....	..	1
New York City, Astor Library.....	1	..
New York City, Board of Education.....	4	..
New York City, Central Park Commissioners.....	..	1
New York City, Cooper Union.....	..	1
New York City, General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, ..	..	1
New York City, Mercantile Library.....	..	2
New York City, Meteorological Observatory.....	..	4
New York City, Typothete of.....	..	1
New York City, Young Men's Christian Association.....	..	1
New York State Library.....	44	5
New York Reservation at Niagara, Commissioners of.....	..	2
New York, "The Path".....	2	1
Newburyport, Mass., Public Library.....	..	1
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Public Libraries.....	..	2
Newport, R. I., Redwood Library.....	..	1
Newton, Mass., Free Library.....	..	1
Nickerson, A. E.....	1	..
Nordendlycht, F. von.....	1	..
North Adams, Mass., Public Library.....	..	1
North Carolina, Y. M. C. A. ....	..	2
Nott, Gordon H.....	2	..
Oberlin College.....	..	1

Oberlin Alumni Association of Illinois.....	1	1
Ohio Meteorological Bureau.....	8	1
Ohio State Librarian.....	17	1
Omaha Public Library.....	1	1
Oregon Immigration Board.....	2	1
Ottawa, Ill., Reddicks Public Library.....	1	1
Pacific Bank, San Francisco.....	1	1
Paris Bibliotheque Nationale.....	1	1
Payne, Wm. M.....	19	3
Peabody Institute, Baltimore.....	1	1
Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass.....	1	1
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass.....	1	1
Peelle, Wm. A.....	5	1
Pennsylvania Historical Society.....	8	1
Pennsylvania Woman's Medical College.....	1	1
Philadelphia Library Co.....	8	1
Philadelphia Mercantile Library.....	5	1
Philological Society, London.....	1	1
Philosophical Society of Washington.....	1	1
Potter, C. E.....	2	1
Prague, City of.....	2	1
Price, I. M.....	1	1
Princeton College.....	1	1
Providence, R. I., Athenæum.....	1	1
Providence, R. I., Public Library.....	1	1
Rauch, Dr. J. H.....	6	1
Richmond, Eng., Free Public Library.....	1	1
Rochester, N. Y., Warner Observatory.....	1	1
Rome, Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale Vittorio Emanuele.....	4	1
Royal Scottish Society of Arts.....	1	1
Ruggles, O. W.....	1	1
Ruschenberger, W. S. W.....	1	1
Ryder, Wm. H., Executors of Estate of.....	1	1
St. Helens, Eng. Free Library.....	1	1
St. Louis, Academy of Sciences.....	1	1
St. Louis, Board of Directors of Public Schools.....	8	1
St. Louis Public Library.....	9	1
St. Louis University.....	1	1
Salter, Wm. M.....	6	1
San Francisco, Cal., Mechanics' Institute.....	1	1
San Francisco, Cal., Mercantile Library.....	1	1
San Francisco, Cal., Public Library.....	1	1
Schick, L.....	3	1
Schoeneman, Mrs. B.....	155	1
Schoke, John.....	4	1
Schonacker, H. J.....	1	1

Scottish Text Society.....	2	
Scoville, H. W.....	2	--
Seeger, Eugene.....	2	--
Sheffield, Eng., Free Public Libraries.....		1
Simmons, J. E., New York.....		1
Skinner, H. M.....	1	--
Smith, B. M.....	2	--
Smith, J. C.....	1	--
Smithsonian Institution, Washington.....	3	1
Smyth, C. P., Edinburgh.....		1
Snydacker, G.....	44	--
Society Magazine Co.....	1	--
Springfield, Mass., City Library Association.....		1
Steiner, Lewis H.....		1
Stevens, B. F., London.....		2
Stewart, W. H.....		1
Stickney, M. A., Sioux Falls City, Dakota.....		1
Swett, Leonard.....	7	--
Taunton, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Thomas G. W.....	20	2
Thomason, Frank D.....	1	--
Thompson, Mrs. Elizabeth, Stamford, Conn.....	1	--
Toledo, Ohio, Public Library.....		1
Topeka, Kan., Public Library.....		2
Toronto, Ont., Public Library.....	1	1
Trinity College, Hartford.....		1
Tucker, Willis G.....		2
Tufts' College, Boston, Mass.....		1
Union Pacific R. R. Passenger Dep't.....		1
United States Bureau of Education.....	2	2
United States Bureau of Statistics.....		2
United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.....	1	--
United States Commission of Fish and Fisheries.....	15	1
United States Commissioner of Labor.....	1	--
United States Commissioner of Patents.....	35	--
United States Commissioner of Pensions.....		1
United States Department of Agriculture.....		6
United States Department of Interior.....	77	21
United States Department of State.....	172	12
United States Geological Survey.....	1	--
United State Inter-State Commercial Commission.....	1	--
United States Marine Hospital Service.....		2
United States Navy Department.....	4	--
United States Signal Service, 2,031 sheets.....	6	1
United States Surgeon General.....	1	1
United States Treasury Department.....	8	5

United States War Department, 67 maps.....	15	--
University of California	--	4
University of Illinois	--	2
University of Illinois, Laboratory of Natural History	--	7
University of Iowa	--	1
University of Pennsylvania	1	--
Vassar College.....	--	1
Veteran Association, 9th Regiment, Illinois Cav. Vol.	1	--
Waite, C. B.	1	--
Waite, C. V. & Co.	--	2
Warsaw, Ill., Public Library.....	--	1
Waterbury, Conn., Silas Bronson Library.....	1	1
Watertown, Mass., Public Library	--	1
West Chicago Protective League.....	--	1
White, Emerson C., Cincinnati.....	1	--
White, G.	1	--
Whitney, Carrie W.	--	1
Wickersham, W. B.	1	1
Willard, Dr. Samuel	3	10
Willett, J. R.	--	1
Winsor, Justin.....	--	2
Wisconsin State Historical Society	1	--
Womans' Anthropological Society of America	--	1
Womans' Christian Temperance Union.....	1	--
Worcester, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1
Yale University	1	2
Yale University Observatory	--	2
Young Men's Christian Association of United States	1	--
Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago	--	1
Unknown	12	--

APPENDIX C.

SERIALS DONATED.

American.

American Building Association-
News.
American Stationer.
American Sheep Breeder.
Argus.
Banker's Monthly.
Bulletin of the Y. M. C. A.
Canada, Pat. Office Record.
Chicago, Council Proceedings.
Chicago Law Times.
Chicago Legal News.
Christian Worker.
Civil Service Record.
Congressional Record.
Domestic Monthly.
Farmers' Review.
Friend.
High School Journal.
Home Visitor.
Inland Architect.
International Magazine of Christian
Science.
Inter State Commerce Reports.
Journal of Science and Art.
Lumber Trade Journal.
Manifesto.
Mining Review.
Missionary Herald.
National Bottlers' Gazette.
National Car Builder.
Official Gazette U. S. Patents.
Open Court.
Paint, Oil and Drug Review.
Phonographic Monthly.

Practical Mechanic.
Quaker City Philatelist.
Sanitary Era.
Sanitary Reports.
Shorthand Writer.
Signs of the Times.
Southern Industrial Record.
Stationer and Printer.
Street Railway Gazette.
Switchmen's Journal.
Unitarian Review.
Unity.
Western Agriculturist.

Medical Publications.

Chicago Medical Journal and Ex-
aminer.
Clinique.
Medical Visitor.
Homœopathic Review.

British Publications.

Agriculture.
Brewers' Guardian.
Chamber of Commerce.
Eastern, Australasian and South
Africa.
Investors' Monthly Manual.
Mining Journal.
Monthly Notices of the Royal As-
tronomical Society.
Paper and Printing Trades Journal.
Proceedings of the Royal Geograph-
ical Society.

German Publications.

Acker und Gartenbau Zeitung.
 Amerikanische Jagd und Schutzen
 Zeitung.
 Braumeister.
 Fortschritt der Zeit.
 Im Familienkreise.
 Katholischer Jugendfreund.

American Newspapers, Daily.

Birmingham, Herald.
 Boston, Herald.
 Denver, Times.

**Weekly, Bi-Weekly and
Monthly.**

Albina (Ore.) Courier.
 Alfred Centre (N. Y.) Outlook and
 Sabbath Quarterly.
 Battle Creek (Mich.) Advent Re-
 view.
 Boston, Christian Register.
 Exchange and Mart,
 Textile World.
 World's Crisis.
 Chicago, Anchor and Shield.
 Banner.
 Confectioner and Baker.
 Democrat.
 Elite News.
 Express.
 Herds and Flocks.
 L'Italia.
 Industrial World.
 International Fire Proofer.
 Israelite.
 Jewish Courier.
 Leader.
 Ledger.
 Lever.
 Occident.
 Personal Rights Advocate.
 Saturday Evening Herald.
 Standard.

Union Signal.
 Western American.
 Western British American. .
 Young Crusader.

Chino Valley Champion.
 Cleveland, Silver Dollar.
 De Land (Fla.) Agriculturist.
 Forrest City (D. T.) Press.
 Fort Worth (Texas) South West.
 Grand Rapids (Mich.) Yankee
 Dutch.

Guatemala Star.
 Hartford (Conn.) Travelers' Record.
 Kissimee (Fla.) Leader.
 Minneapolis, Book Fiend.
 Saturday Spectator.
 Nashville (Tenn.) Cumberland Pres-
 byterian.

New York, American Mail and Ex-
 port Journal.
 Merchant.
 Irish World.
 Hebrew Standard.
 Paper Trade Journal.
 Sabbath Recorder.
 Voice.

Oakland (Cal.) American Sentinel.
 Ontario (Cal.) Observer.
 Philadelphia, New Christianity.
 Protestant Standard.
 Port Angeles (W. T.) Model Com-
 monwealth.
 Portland, Pacific Farmer.
 Weekly Oregonian.
 San Diego (Cal.) California Inform-
 ant.

San Francisco, Pacific States.
 South Riverside (Cal.) Bee.
 St. Andrews Beacon.
 Tallahassee, Weekly Floridian.
 Washington (D. C.) Sentinel.
 Wichita (Kan.) Commercial.

Canadian Newspapers, Daily.

Hamilton, Daily Spectator.
 Montreal, Daily Witness.

German Newspapers, Daily.

Chicago, Arbeiter Zeitung.
Staats Zeitung.

Weekly.

Chicago, Beobachter.
Deutsche Warte.
Medford, Ansiedler.
Waldbote.
New York, Auswanderer.
Oestr.-Amerik, Zeitung.
Sonntagsblatt der N. Y. Volks-
zeitung.

French Newspapers, Weekly.

Kankakee, Courier de L'Illinois.

Bohemian Newspapers, Daily.

Chicago, Chicagské Listy.
Svornost.

Weekly.

Bryan (Tex.) Slovan.
Chicago, Cechoslovan.
Duch Casu.
Cleveland, Dennice Novovéku.
Volnost.
Omaha, Pokrok Zapadu.
Racine, Slavie.

Polish Newspapers, Weekly.

Buffalo, Polak w Ameryce.
Chicago, Dzienswiety.
Gazeta Katolicka.
Milwaukee, Kuryer Polski.
Zgoda.
New York, Ognisko.
Winona, (Minn.) Kosciuszko.
Winona (Minn.) Wiarus.

Dutch Newspaper, Weekly.

Chicago, De Nederlander.
Grand Rapids, Stemmen uit de vrije
Hollandsche Gemeente.

**Norwegian Newspapers,
Daily.**

Chicago, Dagbladet.
Skandinaven.

Weekly.

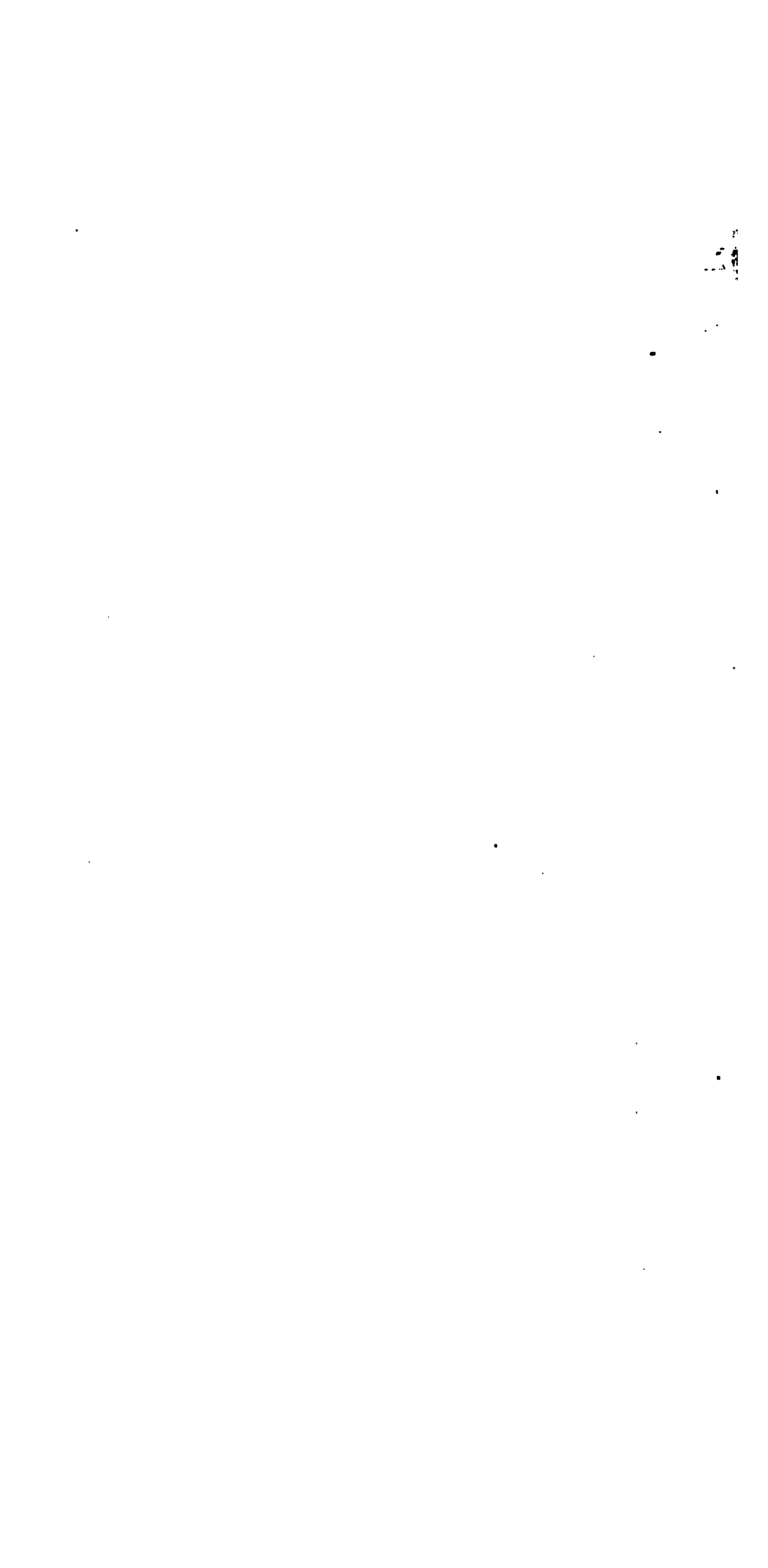
Chicago, Amerika.
Folkevennen.
Folkets Avis.
Illustreret Ugeblad.
Norden.
Verdens Gang.
Vort Blad.
Duluth, Scandia.
St. Paul, Nordvesten.
West Superior Posten.

**Swedish Newspapers,
Weekly.**

Chicago, Bladet.
Gamla och Nya Hemlandet.
Missions Vännen.
Svenska Amerikanaren.
Svenska Kuriren.
Svenska Tribunen.

Danish Newspapers.

Omaha, Dannebrog.
Danske Pioneer.
Honolulu, Paradise of the Pacific.



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JUNE, 1890



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1890



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1890.

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* Resigned December, 1889, and was succeeded by Robert J. Smith, March, 1890.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, APRIL 11,
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PRESIDENTS PRINTED IN CAPITALS.

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ARMSTRONG, GEO. B.....	1881-1883	ONAHAN, WM. J.....	1874-1881
BEEBE, WM. H.....	1887-1889	*QUEAL, ROB'T F.....	1872-1876
BILLINGS, ALBERT M.....	1875-1878	RASTER, HERMANN.....	1872-1875
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DREYER, EDWARD S.....	1889-1892	SCHMIDT, DR. ERNST.....	1881-1882
ENRIGHT, JOHN W.....	1883-1888	*SCRANTON, ABNER R.....	1876-1879
*FORRESTER, ROB'T H...	1879-1880	*SHEAHAN, JAMES W.....	1872-1874
*HAYES, SAM'L S.....	1872-1875	SHOREY, DAN'L L.....	1872-1880
HIRSCH, EMIL G.....	1888-1891	SHORTALL, JOHN G.....	1886-1892
HOTZ, DR. F. C.....	1875-1881	SMITH, PLINY B.....	1888-1891
*HOYNE, THOS.....	1872-1875	SMITH, ROBERT J.....	1890-1890
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KASPAR, WM.....	1889-1891	*SWAZEY, DR. ARTHUR.....	1885-1887
KENT, WM. D.....	1888-1889	UMBDENSTOCK, MICHAEL.....	1877-1890
LOEWENTHAL, B.....	1875-1882	WALKER, DR. J. B.....	1875-1883
MACMILLAN, T. C.....	1882-1887	*WELLS, WM. H.....	1882-1885
MANNHARDT, EMIL.....	1885-1888	WILLIAMS, NORMAN.....	1887-1889
MASON, GEORGE.....	1874-1880	WOODARD, WILLARD.....	1872-1874

*Deceased.

SHEAHAN, JAS. W., Acting Secretary from April 11 to July 20, 1872.

WICKERSHAM, W. B., Secretary since July 20, 1872.

POOLE, WM. F., LL. D., Librarian from Oct. 25, 1873 to Aug. 1, 1887.

HILD, FREDERICK H., Librarian since Oct. 15, 1887.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

Librarian: FREDERICK H. HILL.

Assistant Librarians:

W. B. WICKERSHAM.

ELIZABETH A. YOUNG.

E. F. L. GAUSS,

KATE M. HENNERBERRY.

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AMELIA M. PLATT,

WM. A. PUEER,

MARY SCANLAN,

REIDAR ARENTZ,

AMANDA DIEHL,

CARRIE L. ELLIOTT,

ANNA REDELL,

J. F. PHELAN,

JAS. J. KELLY,

LILYAN G. MORAWSKI,

JESSIE BOOTH,

OTILIE GOLDBERGER,

EMMA ROMMEISS,

MAY BOSTTETER,

MARY M. HISHEN,

MAY I. CARROLL,

MABEL K. PECK,

MARGARET KEARNEY,

AGNES COLEMAN,

HATTIE HYDE,

MONTANA STOVER,

ANNA FITZGERALD,

JULIUS GAUSS,

VIRGINIA A. SHERWOOD,

JOHN DWORAK,

OTTO GOLDBERGER,

T. B. MARTENS,

FRANK WASKA,

JOHN A. BARNON,

C. B. RODEN,

W. E. WOOD,

W. L. S. McRAE,

JOHN E. KOTKA,

STEPHANIE SKORAZINSKA,

SAMUEL RUSZALSKI,

EMILY A. KOUPAL,

EMANUEL HOLY,

CHARLES WASKA.

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W. S. NEWBERGER,	ARTHUR CARSON,
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N. S. PURVIANCE,	H. J. SEIDSHECK,
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	MARY SMITH.

Night Watchman: A. S. EINSTEIN.

Expressman for Delivery Stations: MORRIS ROSENSTOCK.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY
COUNCIL:

Gentlemen: The Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library herewith respectfully presents its eighteenth annual report, together with the reports of its Librarian and Secretary, [to whom and to whose efficient aid, with that of the several and valued assistants throughout the Library, it cheerfully gives testimony.]

The continued increase of the use of the Library is represented, so far as it can be represented by figures, as follows:

The number of volumes added to the Library during the last 12 months has been 10,908, making a total of 156,243 volumes, with a total circulation of 1,220,479; 843,971 volumes of which were taken for home-reading.

The number of visitors to the Reading Room was 436,412, and of those to the several Reference departments, not including the Reading Room, was 113,531, being a large increase over the corresponding figures of last year.

The eighteen Branch or Delivery Stations located in distant parts of the City, have had an aggregate issue, during the year, of 201,257 volumes.

We submit these figures to emphasize the wisdom of your recent action in providing for the occupation of Dearborn Park for our Public Library—the most important and pressing subject we have to bring before your honorable body at this time. In our present quarters we feel somewhat as trespassers upon the strictly legitimate domain of the City

Government, which will soon—perhaps even now may—require the space we occupy for its departmental purposes. It is, as you may see, none to soon to have taken this step.

It would be difficult to add words commendatory of the Public Library of the great City to those already spoken by thoughtful men in all important cities. The world's judgment is practically unanimous, that, as John Bright said, "it is impossible for any man to bestow a greater benefit upon a young man than to give him access to books in a free library." We may feel that the great free Public Library, full of life and growth, exerts a benign and spreading influence as a promoter of the general public welfare, after the recital of all its special values had become impossible. Our own logical deduction sustains this; our analysis and experience confirm it; it is conceded by all; and we call attention to the value of these free books in the hands, or within the reach, of all who seek them, as shown by our lists of users: scientists, artists, clergymen, teachers, artisans—supplementing knowledge and inspiring thought, in pupil and instructor, in morals and mechanics—we call your attention to it that a proper emphasis may be laid in your minds upon the proposition for the erection of our new Library building, whenever it shall come before you; and that all unnecessary delays and inadequate treatment of the subject, in appropriations and otherwise, may be avoided, and all material and moral aid be cheerfully given.

Private or reference libraries, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen, are of great and most important and continuous benefit to the student and the dilettant—treasure-houses for the storing of the unattainable and the curious in letters; but they are not for the people directly. Far more interesting is the exhibit of active, practical, numerous usefulness to be seen by any visitor, at any time, at the desks and tables of our Public Library. The delicious cool of Lenox or the Athenaeum, in the summer heat, is grateful to the body; but the contemplation of the thousands who gather the honey of Hybla from our open fields, refreshes the soul.

We gladly call your attention to the unique distinction attaching to the award of the Gold Medal given to the Chicago Public Library by the Commissioners of the late *Exposition Universelle* of France, at Paris; the suggestion and obtainment of which also reflect great credit on the thoughtfulness and devotion of the Librarian and Secretary, and the Assistant Librarian, Mr. Gauss, upon whom, necessarily, a large share of the extraordinary work of preparation and presentment devolved. This is a merited tribute by the French Government to the superior general excellence and usefulness of our Library—no slight or meaningless praise.

Our system of Delivery Stations may well be alluded to. The evidence of their continued growth you will find in the reports of the Librarian and Secretary. We call your attention to the excellence of this plan for bringing the advantages of the Library so close to the homes of the people. As our means and facilities increase, the erection of new Delivery Stations will continue. Dearborn Park will prove a most central and accessible point from which to make these primary distributions, and may fairly be considered, as to the people of the city, the most accessible and practical point, for all library purposes, at their disposition.

It may be well to consider the position of our sister cities upon this subject of Public Libraries, as expressed in their deeds. Mr. Gauss has gathered for us the following statistics which, as may be easily seen, comprise a very incomplete list, but sufficient for illustration and reflection:

Boston, with about one-third the population of Chicago, is at present erecting a Library building, the total cost of which is to be \$1,355,000.

Minneapolis—scarcely one fourth the size of our city—has just finished a Library building for its people at an expenditure of \$250,000.

Cincinnati, nearly a quarter of a century ago, spent for its Public Library building and grounds, \$475,000, raised entirely by taxation.

Milwaukee had the money voted it this past year to erect a fine building for its Public Library.

St. Paul is making earnest and broad preparations to follow the good example.

The city of Toledo, Ohio, has a magnificent Library building.

Worcester, Mass.,—still smaller—is now expending \$127,000 for a mere addition to the building of its Public Library reared years ago.

Detroit erected a fine Library building in 1874, when the city had but 80,000 inhabitants, at a cost of \$125,000.

The St. Louis Mercantile Library, not in the proper sense a free Public Library, yet worthy to be considered as an example, has not long since erected and equipped a model Library building at the exact cost of \$377,734.17.

Even in States which have no Library law, private efforts of the people have erected magnificent buildings for library uses, for example: the structures of the Buffalo Library, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, the Peabody Institute at Baltimore, and many others. The edifices of the Buffalo Library and the Peabody Institute are at present the finest Library buildings in the land.

Recurring to the subject of the half block of land known as Dearborn Park—the site of our future Library building—it may be remembered by your honorable body that the proposition to use that plot of ground has been under consideration by this Board for many years; that it has made more than one effort to disentangle and sever this property from the many issues raised in the twenty years or more of litigation between the City and the Illinois Central Railroad Company, and in which, it was believed by some, its legal status had been collaterally involved.

The title to it seems now, by the recent decisions of Mr. Justice Harlan and Judge Blodgett, to be vested in the City of Chicago, for public use, but this decision has been (we are informed) appealed from by the Illinois Central Railroad Company, and it may be many more years before the final decision

shall be arrived at. It is objected that a clause which was written upon this block, upon the recorded map of Fort Dearborn addition, "forever to remain vacant of buildings," should still control, and prohibit its use by the City, even for such a purpose as that of a Public Library. It is well known that the use of that plot, (if such were ever contemplated, of which there is a serious doubt,) as a park, if the term mean anything, has long since been publicly abandoned. It is a small, and for such a purpose, almost useless, parallelogram, of 142 feet by 385 feet, a "telegraph" in the midst of an active business convergence: and its occupation for the purpose of a Library structure would not only damage none, but would add materially to the values of all the adjoining property. Of that we are certain. Additionally we note that we have absolutely no other site, either in possession or in reasonable expectancy. The city cannot afford to purchase a site as favorable, and therefore as valuable, as this: and we must have a building, safe and permanent, for our literary treasures, many of which could not be duplicated at any cost, and the value of which may fairly be estimated to-day at \$250,000.

We shall therefore immediately take possession of the property, (under your direction, by the ordinance of the 19th ult.): upon which, if suit shall be brought by some of the abutting owners, or some citizen, we can then proceed to test the validity of the act, and the ownership of the property, by a simple and direct proceeding, freed from all questions relating to the Lake front, riparian rights, etc., by which the litigation above referred to has been embarrassed.

We believe we shall be successful in affirming the City's title to the property, and thus provide a permanent home for our Library, that shall be an honor to our City and State.

In conclusion, it has been to us all a matter of pride and congratulation that the government and services of this Library have always been so full of unselfish devotion to its interests. Under no other conditions could it have reached the enviable position in which it moves. The encouragement we give competent employees, in their retention at their posts

so long as they are faithful to their duty, stimulates them to their best efforts, and perfects the service; and the disturbing influence of uncertainty of tenure is thus unknown to them and to us.

And so we may fairly say that, in all the divisions of public service in this Department, the present year finds us—as it should—stronger, more useful and more hopeful than in those that preceded it; moving in continuous and perceptible advance, daily, toward the desired goal—an adequate Free Public Library for this City of Chicago, adequately housed, faithfully served, and honorably governed.

JOHN G. SHORTALL,

President.

PLINY B. SMITH,

Vice President.

BERNHARD MOOS,

M. UMBDENSTOCK,

EMIL G. HIRSCH,

WILLIAM KASPAR,

E. S. DREYER,

R. J. SMITH,

Board of Directors of Chicago Public Library.

Chicago, June 14, 1890.

Appended will be found a report of the Special Committee on Future Library Building, adopted June 14, 1890.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FUTURE LIBRARY BUILDING.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC
LIBRARY:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Special Committee on Future Library Building, which was requested at the last preceding meeting of the Board to report at the present meeting the status of municipal legislation relative to Dearborn Park, and to present a plan for future action of the Board, beg leave to report:

That on the 19th day of May, 1890, the City Council passed an ordinance which is as follows:

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Chicago:

SECTION 1. That the Board of Directors of the Public Library of the City of Chicago be and they are hereby authorized to take possession of the piece of ground now known as "Dearborn Park," in that part of the City of Chicago, State of Illinois, known as the "Fort Dearborn Addition to Chicago," and bounded on the north by the south line of Randolph street, on the east by the west line of Michigan avenue, on the south by the north line of Washington street, and on the west by the east line of an alley known as Dearborn place, and to erect thereon a Public Library Building, under and in pursuance of the powers and authority conferred upon said Board of Directors by the statute entitled "An act to authorize cities, incorporated towns and townships to establish and maintain free public libraries and reading rooms," (approved and in force March 7, 1872), and the various amendments thereto; *provided*, that in erecting such building the said Board of Directors shall make provision for a Memorial Hall, for the use of such organizations of Union soldiers and sailors of the late civil war as have their headquarters in Cook County, to be used by them for the purposes of their orgain-

zation, and for the preservation of relics and mementoes of the late civil war, at a nominal rent, merely for the purpose of attornment, for the period of fifty years, and no longer.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

The mayor did not sign this ordinance, but as he did not return it to the Council at its next regular meeting, it accordingly took effect as a law, and consequently, so far as the City can give the power, the Board is at liberty to take possession of Dearborn Park and to erect a Library Building thereon.

As a possible obstacle to the erection of a Library Building on the site named, there yet remain the terms of the dedication in the original plat of the subdivision, which it is claimed provided that the ground should forever remain vacant of buildings.

While it is contended by some, that any abutting property owner may restrain by injunction the erection of a Library Building on Dearborn Park, as a violation of the terms of the dedication, it is also held by able lawyers that even if the erection of a Public Library Building on this site would be contrary to the terms of such dedication, that the local conditions have so changed that it would be inequitable and opposed to the public interests to enforce the prohibition, and that a Court of Chancery would refuse to interfere by injunction to protect such naked legal right, if any existed, but would permit the building to proceed, and relegate the objecting party to a suit at law for such damages as he might be able to prove.

Your Committee therefore recommends that the Board proceed at once to the erection of a Library Building on Dearborn Park, so called, as described in said ordinance, and according to the terms thereof, and to that end recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Public Library of the City of Chicago proceed at once and as rapidly as possible with the erection of a Public Library Building on Dearborn Park, in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance passed by the City Council, May 19, 1890.

That the Special Committee on Future Library Building proceed immediately with the preparation of plans therefor, having reference to the future needs of the Library, and providing for a building to be devoted wholly to Library purposes and of such capacity that out of the space which will not be required for Library purposes for the next fifty years, provision may be made for a Memorial Hall as, and for the purposes specified in said ordinance, which may be used for such purposes by the organizations mentioned in said ordinance, for the term of fifty years from the passage thereof, when it shall be vacated and devoted to the uses of the Library as may be needed for such purpose.

That said Committee immediately take possession of said ground and erect a temporary building for the use, under the control of the Board of Directors, of the architects, builders and other representatives of the Board who may be engaged in the erection of the Library Building, solely for the purposes incidental to such construction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

[SIGNED]

PLINY B. SMITH.
BERNHARD MOOS,
M. UMBDENSTOCK,
EMIL G. HIRSCH,

Special Committee on Future Library Building.

Chicago, June 14, '90.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, }
CHICAGO, JUNE 14, 1890. }

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHICAGO
PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Gentlemen:—As required by the seventh section of the Act of the General Assembly, under which the Library is established and maintained, I beg to submit the following financial and statistical statements for the year ended May 31, 1890:

THE LIBRARY FUND.

Dr.

To Balance June 1, 1889:

Fund of 1879 and prior years...\$ 23,534 44

“ “ 1879..... 94,474 25

Appropriation by City Council,

March, 1890..... 100,552 00

Miscellaneous Receipts from June

1, 1889, to May 31, 1890 5,741 17

\$224,301 86

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By Freight and Expressage.....	\$	255	99
Printing and Stationery.....		1,478	02
Newspapers and Periodicals....		2,174	33
Postage.....		257	94
Incidental Expense.....		1,411	68
Books lost and paid for; Found and money refunded.....		82	70
Books.....		11,148	66
Binding		5,280	42
Furniture and Fixtures.....		2,206	73
Heating and Lighting.....		4,900	00
Salaries		45,919	61
Delivery Stations.....		3,712	30
Insurance		20	00
Finding Lists.....		1,237	09
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Total for maintenance of Library..	\$	80,085	47
Uncollected Taxes for year 1888...		1,712	44
			<hr/>
			\$ 81,797 91
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Total Resources of Library June 1, 1890.....	\$	142,503	95

CASH FUNDS.*Dr.*

To Balance, June 1, 1889.....	\$ 5,790 29
City Comptroller for Incidental Expenses.....	1,761 82
Security Deposits.....	598 49
Estate of Wm. H. Ryder, D. D., balance of bequest and int'st,	5,116 99

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By Incidental Expenses, as per Vouchers Audited.....	\$ 1,766 63
Security Deposits Refunded...	609 49
Balance June 1, 1890.....	10,891 47
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SUMMARY OF BALANCE.

Special Deposit Typo. Union.....	\$	100	00
W. H. Ryder Fund.....		10,116	99
Incidental Fund.....		71	73
Security Deposits.....		602	75
		\$	10,891 47

Revenue received from the following sources and paid monthly to City Comptroller, from June 1, 1889, to May 31, 1890:

From Miscellaneous Sources.....	\$	61	50
Duplicates.....		44	71
Finding Lists.....		690	99
Books Lost and Paid for		357	22
Fines.....		4,583	75
Non-Resident Permit.....		3	00
		\$	5,741 17

BOOKS.

Number of Books in Library June 1, 1889.....	156,243
“ “ purchased in past year.....	10,073
“ “ donated in past year.....	835
“ “ unaccounted for.....	144

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. WICKERSHAM,

Secretary.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
County of Cook. } ss.

I, W. B. WICKERSHAM, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library, do solemnly affirm that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,

Secretary.

Affirmed to and subscribed before me this 14th day of June
A. D. 1890.

E. F. L. GAUSS,

[SEAL.]

Notary Public.

Examined and approved.

W. KASPAR,

R. J. SMITH,

E. S. DREYER,

Committee on Finance.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

CHICAGO, JUNE 14, 1890.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the By-Laws, I herewith respectfully submit the eighteenth annual report of the Librarian, embodying the statistics of the Library for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1890.

The recent action of the City Council in authorizing the erection of a building for the Public Library on Dearborn Park, marks the beginning of a new era in the history of the institution. A continuance of the generous liberality which has provided for its support and maintenance up to the present time, will give the Library a home of its own, where its growth and usefulness can better keep pace with the development of our city. With an annual circulation of nearly 1,250,000 volumes it maintains a high rank among the public libraries of the country. At the Paris Exposition of 1889, it received the distinguished honor of an award of a gold medal, on an exhibit consisting of the annual reports, finding lists, and a volume showing in detail the administration of the Library in every department. The number of volumes in the collection on May 31st, was 156,243, showing a net increase of 7,077 during the past year. Twenty-five new book cases have been placed in the Library, and the floor space still available will accommodate about six more. When this space is filled the shelving capacity of the Library will have reached its limit. The small room adjoining the Director's Room has been fitted up

with shelving to accommodate the rapidly increasing collection of art books, and certain changes made in the arrangement of the main floor give additional room for 5,000 volumes in the circulating department. The aggregate circulation and use of books in all departments of the Library was 1,220,479, distributed as follows:

Circulating Department.....	640,378
Delivery Stations and Schools.....	203,593
Reference Department.....	331,813
Patent Department.....	18,319
Medical Department.....	26,376
Total.....	1,220,479

In the Reading Room 389,192 periodicals were given out across the counter. The daily average circulation of books for home use, rose from 2,465 to 2,746. The statistics of each department of the Library are given in detail below, in the order of previous reports. A summary of the statistics for the past seventeen years will be found in appendix A.

BOOKS.

On the first of June, the Library contained 156,243 volumes, a net increase of 7,077 over the number reported last year. The entire accessions of the year numbered 10,908 volumes, of which 3,048 were added to replace worn-out and lost books and are not included in the net increase of the Library. Of the books added, 10,073 were purchased and 835 were donated. The accessions of pamphlets numbered 1,635. The wear of the books is shown in the fact that 3,507 volumes were withdrawn from circulation during the past year, a larger number than was reported for any previous year. These books were chiefly of the most popular kind; 1,591 of them were English prose fiction, 1,030 juvenile books, 323 German books, 211 Bohemian books, 161 Scandinavian books, and 191 in other classes. New copies of such of these books as were still in print have been bought to replace those worn out.

There were lost and paid for, during the past year, 279 volumes; these were deducted from the total number of volumes in the Library, as were also 60 volumes reported missing in 1888, and 50 volumes not recovered from delinquent borrowers.

In the following table is given a classified analysis of the entire number of volumes added during the year, and the net increase and extent of each class in the Library:

	Total Accessions of the year.	Net Accessions of the year.	Total No. of volumes in Library.
History.....	591	586	9,600
Biography.....	449	425	6,443
Travels.....	348	317	5,980
Poetry and Drama.....	288	272	8,645
Essays and Miscellanies.....	181	98	2,551
Polygraphy and Collected Works.....	70	69	2,565
Fine Arts.....	184	126	8,944
Natural Sciences.....	157	148	3,821
Practical Arts (including Patents).....	865	829	8,888
Political and Social Science.....	321	212	3,494
Language and Literature.....	132	128	2,527
Mental and Moral Science.....	91	83	1,898
Ancient Classics.....	24	24	1,081
Religion.....	117	114	4,189
Medicine.....	44	38	3,771
Law.....	18	18	692
Periodicals and Newspapers.....	1,069	1,063	16,364
Gov't Doc's and State Papers.....	435	435	9,228
Bibliography.....	104	104	1,325
Dictionaries and Encyclopedias.....	117	117	2,221
English Prose Fiction.....	2,134	387	21,729
Juvenile Literature.....	1,582	489	6,190
German Literature.....	1,154	808	17,851
French Literature.....	393	377	6,682
Italian Literature.....	22	22	453
Spanish Literature.....	10	10	163
Portuguese Literature.....	1	1	25
Dutch Literature.....	-----	-----	1,214
Bohemian Literature.....	3	-----	3,732
Polish Literature.....	-----	-----	1,002
Russian Literature.....	132	132	136
Scandinavian Literature.....	572	404	3,944
Total.....	10,908	* 7,286	156,243

* Less 209 Bohemian volumes worn out and not replaced.

The amount expended for books was \$11,148.66. Many valuable historical books have been added during the year.

The collection of periodicals, which forms one of the strongest of the special features of the Library, has been augmented by 1,063 volumes. Not more than twelve per cent. of the net increase of the Library has been in the classes of English prose fiction and juvenile books. Among the notable additions may be mentioned the following: Berville et Barrière (Ed.), *Collection des Mémoires relatifs à la Revolution française*, 56 vols. 8vo; Petitot, C. B., *Collection des Mémoires relatifs à l'Histoire de France*, 131 vols., 8vo; Flore des Serres et des Jardins de l'Europe, 23 vols. 8vo; Maund, B., *The Botanic Garden*, 6 vols. 8vo; Du Cange., *Glossarium mediæ et infimæ latinitatis*, 10 vols. 4to; *Jahrbücher für National-ökonomie und Statistik*, 35 vols., 8vo; *Der Gerichtssaal*, 42 vols., 8vo; *Annales du Musée et de l'Ecole moderne des Beaux-Arts*, 38 vols. 8vo; *Reale Galleria di Firenze illustrata*, 13 vols. 8vo; *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland, 1264-1607*, 12 vols. 8vo; *Transactions of the Victoria Institute of Great Britain*, 20 vols. 8vo; *Folk-Lore Society Publications*, 23 vols. 8vo; Laurent, F., *Etudes sur l'Histoire de l'Humanité*, 18 vols. 8vo; *La Lumière électrique*, 34 vols. 4to; Karmarsch und Heeren, *Technisches Wörterbuch*, 10 vols. 8vo; Frank Leslie's *Illustrated Newspaper, 1855-1866*, 12 vols. fol.; *Shakespeare's Works*, edited by Delius, 7 vols. 8vo; Boutovsky, *Histoire de l'Ornement russe du X^e au XVI^e Siècle*, 2 vols. fol.; Texier and Pullan, *Byzantine Architecture*. In the department of foreign literature there have been added 132 volumes in the Russian language, consisting of the writings of some of the best known Russian authors.

BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS.

From the executors of the Ryder estate has been received the sum of \$5,000, being the balance of the bequest of \$10,000 left to the Library by the will of the Rev. Dr. W. H. Ryder.

The donations of books and pamphlets to the Library numbered 835 and 1,497 respectively. Mr. W. F. Elliott presented a complete file of the New York Times, for the years

1883 to 1889 inclusive. From Dr. O. DeWolf were received 612 pamphlets consisting chiefly of medical serials and reports. The National Library of Buenos Ayres presented 15 volumes of Spanish publications; the Royal Library of Berlin, 7 volumes of valuable bibliographical works, and the State Library of New York, 30 volumes of state documents. Mr. Henry L. Frank donated 35 volumes; Mr. R. N. Cust, of London, 7 volumes; Dr. S. A. Green, of Boston, 7 volumes and 55 pamphlets; Hon. George E. Adams, 16 volumes; Rev. Dr. E. G. Hirsch, 8 volumes and 3 pamphlets. From the various departments of the United States Government the Library received, in the aggregate, 223 volumes, 151 pamphlets, and 350 maps and charts. The Commissioners of Patents of Great Britain continue to present the volumes of Specifications and Drawings of patents, and from this source 61 volumes were received during the year. A complete list of the donors will be found in appendix B.

BOOK BORROWERS.

The number of persons holding two-year cards entitling them to draw books from the Library, is 36,478, an increase of 4,572 over the number reported last year, which was 31,906. There were issued during the past year 19,934 cards, 11,914 to males and 8,020 to females. The registration reported last year was 16,544. To the annexation of Hyde Park, Town of Lake and Lake View is largely due the increase in the number of cards issued, no less than 4,733 being issued to residents of those suburbs, many of whom had heretofore been debarred from enjoying the privileges of the Library.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The Circulating Department has been open for the delivery of books 304 days during the past year, and the number of volumes drawn for home use was 843,971 including 203,593

volumes which were issued from the Delivery Stations, and to the Schools. The daily average circulation 2,749, an increase of 11.5 per cent. over the daily average reported last year, which was 2,465. The circulation in 1889 was 749,445, and in 1888, 709,527.

The largest number of books issued on any one day was 5,272, on February 24th. On the same day there were used in the other departments 1,799 volumes, making a total of 7,071 volumes, which is the largest circulation reported for any one day in the history of the Library. The smallest number issued was 2,551, on October 30th, 1889. The daily average evening circulation was 384. The amount derived for fines was \$4,853.75, or \$761.03 more than was received from this source during the year before. In the following table is given the circulation and daily average for each month during the past two years:

1889-'90.				1888-'89.			
MONTH.	Days.	Circulation.	Daily Average	MONTH.	Days.	Circulation.	Daily Average.
June	25	61,609	2,467	June	26	52,790	2,028
July	26	61,133	2,351	July	25	51,114	2,024
August	27	64,184	2,375	August	25	55,675	2,140
September	25	60,513	2,420	September	25	52,780	2,111
October	27	68,406	2,533	October	27	50,886	2,218
November	25	69,254	2,770	November	25	61,835	2,359
December	25	69,350	2,774	December	24	64,446	2,665
January	26	80,078	3,080	January	26	73,035	2,809
February	23	75,341	3,275	February	23	69,361	3,016
March	26	85,491	3,288	March	26	74,564	3,068
April	26	75,064	2,887	April	25	69,878	2,759
May	26	71,272	2,741	May	26	64,151	2,544
Totals	307	841,633	2,746	Totals	304	749,445	2,465

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The Library now has in operation eighteen free Delivery Stations, of which nine have been opened during the past year. Six of these new stations are located in the recently annexed territory to the city. The total issue of books from these

eighteen stations was 200,257, an increase of 48,251 over that of the preceding year. The location of the stations, the number of books issued, and the persons in charge, are as follows:

STATIONS.	LOCATION.	IN CHARGE OF	ISSUES.
I North...	349 Division street.....	Robert E. Burke.....	28,594
II " ...	784 Larrabee street.....	F. C. Volqvartz.....	3,858
III " ...	556 & 558 Lincoln ave....	E. M. Pope.....	179
IV " ...	Ravenswood.....	Ravenswood Hist. Soc....	1,803
I West...	278 W. 13th street.....	Frank Kotzum.....	17,689
II " ...	547 W. Indiana street.....	Sophie Imbrit.....	14,236
III " ...	817 W. Madison street.....	R. C. Holland.....	21,471
IV " ...	518 W. 18th street.....	Anton Janes.....	21,215
V " ...	1056 Milwaukee ave.....	B. Pennington.....	13,367
VI " ...	381 S. Western ave.....	Mrs. Mary Rooks.....	22,927
VII " ...	890 N. California ave....	Mrs. E. J. Ainsworth....	4,337
VIII " ...	4117 W. Lake street.....	E. Y. Horder.....	2,120
I South...	154 22nd street.....	P. V. Fitzpatrick.....	15,969
II " ...	233 31st street.....	G. W. Boulton.....	23,927
III " ...	3304 Cottage Grove ave....	Mrs. Alex. Darrow.....	3,154
IV " ...	4134 S. Halsted street....	Estella Bowles.....	815
V " ...	134 53rd street.....	Hyde Park Lyceum.....	732
VI " ...	353 63rd street.....	L. E. DeGarmo.....	4,366
			200,257

STATIONS.		June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	TOTAL.
I. N.		2419	2206	2103	2343	2411	2384	2329	2595	2530	2860	2295	2119	28594
II. N.	Ope ned			Dec. 1, '89				99	344	440	888	1020	1056	8556
III. N.	Ope ned			May 1, '90									179	179
IV. N.	Ope ned			Dec. 1, '89				99	221	216	244	247	276	1803
I. W.		1428	1343	1395	1420	1576	1453	1456	1607	1485	1510	1470	1551	17689
II. W.		1100	1087	1011	1054	1154	1167	1192	1365	1366	1339	1265	1136	14236
III. W.		1716	1725	1822	1728	1754	1835	1840	1832	1842	2043	1655	1677	21471
IV. W.		1501	1487	1373	1516	1718	1613	1736	1926	2070	2411	2048	1816	21215
V. W.		1251	1301	1271	1330	1376	1371	471	748	807	1206	1134	1101	13367
VI. W.		1698	1733	1692	1681	1935	1833	1855	1993	2118	2370	2072	1838	22927
VII. W.	Ope ned			Dec. 1, '89				247	568	607	940	911	1055	4337
VIII. W.	Ope ned			Dec. 1, '89				91	278	401	445	443	482	2120
I. S.		1349	1230	1251	1234	1284	1262	1238	1492	1486	1603	1344	1196	15969
II. S.		1973	1851	1844	1709	1890	1952	1956	2211	2206	2384	2032	1920	23927
III. S.	Ope ned			Jan. 1, '90					50	310	825	1009	960	3154
IV. S.	Ope ned			Mar. 1, '90							145	813	357	815
V. S.	Ope ned			Dec. 1, '89				35	106	153	133	151	158	732
VI. S.	Ope ned			Jan. 1, '90					207	682	1124	1196	1093	4366
Total.		14429	13963	13762	14015	15100	14920	14645	17607	18728	22488	20605	19995	200257

CLASSIFICATION OF THE CIRCULATION.

The percentages of circulation of books for home-use in each of the seven classes, compared with the reports of the five preceding years, is as follows:

	1890.	1889.	1888.	1887.	1886.	1885.
History and Biography.....	9.70	9.54	9.12	9.61	8.78	8.69
Voyages and Travels.....	4.63	4.56	4.40	4.37	4.25	4.49
Sciences and Arts.....	6.15	6.20	6.04	6.56	6.62	6.79
Poetry and Drama.....	8.12	8.82	8.40	8.97	4.08	3.91
English Prose Fiction and Ju- veniles.....	62.12	61.77	61.44	60.89	60.22	60.13
Books in Foreign Languages..	11.75	11.25	12.32	10.70	12.05	11.94
Miscellaneous.....	2.53	2.66	2.28	3.90	4.05	4.01

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The insufficiency of the accommodations for visitors to the Reference Room shows itself in the decrease in the number of readers in this department. The number of readers has declined from 117,810 last year to 103,059 this year; but the number of volumes used has risen from 328,765 to 331,813. As predicted in my last report the above figures represent about the maximum number of visitors who can comfortably be accommodated in this department in one year. The num-

ber of lady visitors last year was 13,969. The statistics of this department for the last two years, month by month, are as follows:

MONTH.	1889-90.		MONTH.	1888-89.	
	Visitors.	Volumes.		Visitors.	Volumes.
June.....	6,973	20,410	June.....	6,485	16,250
July.....	6,099	17,586	July.....	6,656	16,867
August.....	6,860	23,308	August.....	11,029	33,962
September.....	7,384	22,533	September.....	8,992	24,607
October.....	9,809	25,759	October.....	9,638	26,844
November.....	9,800	30,595	November.....	11,027	33,090
December.....	8,794	27,932	December.....	11,755	35,963
January.....	10,973	35,446	January.....	12,018	33,316
February.....	10,167	33,803	February.....	11,337	30,124
March.....	11,308	33,602	March.....	11,306	29,111
April.....	8,738	27,963	April.....	9,559	25,883
May.....	7,690	23,891	May.....	8,020	22,849
Total....	108,059	331,813	Total....	117,810	328,765

The classification of books used in the Reference Department was as follows: Arts and sciences, 13.9 per cent; History and Biography, 17.4 per cent; Periodicals and Transactions of Societies, (bound volumes), 17.4 per cent; Geography and Travels, 6.2 per cent; Language and Literature, 7.3 per cent; Encyclopedias 6.4 per cent; Atlases and Statistics, 1.8 per cent; Public Documents, 1.8 per cent; Bibliography, 2.2 per cent; Miscellaneous, 25.6 per cent.

PATENT AND MEDICAL REFERENCE BOOKS.

The number of visitors to the Patent and Medical Departments was 10,472, who consulted 18,319 patent reports, and 26,376 medical books. The statistics of the use of patent reports do not show, however, the entire number of books consulted, as readers have direct access to the United States reports and the indexes, and an accurate count is impossible.

The sets of United States patent reports, as well as those of Great Britain, are promptly received as soon as published, both the Department at Washington and the British Patent Office continuing to furnish their publications free of charge. The French reports lack the volumes for the last four or five years, but these will be ordered and the sets brought up to date during the coming year.

A proposition is now pending before the Board to transfer the Medical reference books in the Library to the Newberry Library. The Chicago Medical College, the Chicago Medical Society, and the leading physicians of the city, who were mainly instrumental in placing these books in the Library, have united in a request to the Board, setting forth the advantages of a special medical collection, and recommending the transfer of these books. The Trustees of the Newberry Library have announced their intention to create a special department of this science in that institution. The proper maintenance of a medical library, keeping it up by the addition of the latest books and periodicals, and the expense of an attendant in charge, would involve a larger outlay than the finances of our Library might permit. It would therefore seem advisable that the transfer be made.

The complete statistics of the Patent and the Medical Departments, are given in the following table, for the past two years:

MONTH.	1889-'90.			MONTH.	1888-'89.		
	Visitors.	Patent Books.	Medical Books.		Visitors.	Patent Books.	Medical Books.
June.....	P. 511 M. 315	1,616	1,406	June.....	750	2,039	1,001
July.....	P. 484 M. 378			July.....	660		
August....	P. 537 M. 428	1,867	1,718	August....	818	2,160	1,065
September..	P. 567 M. 389			September..	723		
October...	P. 548 M. 439	1,619	2,103	October...	878	2,125	1,048
November..	P. 435 M. 476			November..	856		
December..	P. 433 M. 456	1,889	3,339	December..	P. 539 M. 815	1,626	810
January...	P. 497 M. 493			January...	P. 622 M. 499		
February..	P. 445 M. 449	1,876	2,786	February..	P. 533 M. 503	1,514	1,225
March.....	P. 531 M. 445			March.....	P. 644 M. 554		
April.....	P. 514 M. 363	1,628	1,928	April.....	P. 581 M. 451	1,685	1,426
May.....	P. 455 M. 345			May.....	P. 506 M. 506		
Total.....	10,472	18,319	26,376	Total.....	11,024	21,058	13,953

FINDING LISTS AND CARD CATALOGUE.

Four quarterly bulletins, of 16 pages each, giving about 3,200 titles of the latest accessions, were issued during the year. Of the revised edition of the finding lists, three additional parts have been issued, namely, History and Biography (148 pages), Geography and Travels (55 pages), German Literature, (89 pages). The stock of catalogues of books in foreign languages having become exhausted, it was deemed best to begin the preparation of the new editions at once, and this caused

a delay of a few months in the appearance of the general lists. Copy for the lists of Poetry, Drama, Miscellaneous and Arts and Sciences, will be prepared during the coming summer and these parts will be issued before the close of the year.

There has also been printed a list of the Russian books recently added, and a list of Bohemian books received last year.

The amount derived from the sale of finding lists and bulletins was \$690.99.

While the finding lists and bulletins satisfy the demand of the majority of the patrons of the Library, and enable them to obtain, at a small cost, lists from which to make their selection at home, the student and scholar engaged in wider and deeper research, demand something more. The card catalogue furnishes the only complete key to the contents of the Library. To print this card catalogue in book form, would be a costly undertaking; but a duplicate for public use is one of the great necessities of the institution. In the present crowded condition of our rooms, the necessary floor space for placing such a catalogue is not obtainable. Persons in search of fuller information than the finding lists give, will be given the desired information by applying to the attendant in charge of the card catalogue. The valuable collection of bibliographies and catalogues in the librarian's office, are also at the service of the seeker for knowledge.

READING ROOM.

The number of visitors to the Reading Room during the past year was 436,412, an increase of 94,598 over the preceding year. The average Sunday attendance rose from 496 to 638. The issues of periodicals numbered 389,192, not including the use of those newspapers which are filed on racks in the room and to which readers have direct access. The number of serials on file is 587, of which 390 are classed as periodicals, 71 daily newspapers, and 126 special newspapers. Of the 390

periodicals, 220 are American publications, 92 English, 50 German, 9 French, 7 Scandinavian, and 11 in other languages. Of the serials 499 are bought and 188 are donated. A full list of the donations is given in appendix C. The amount expended for periodicals and newspapers was \$2,174.-33. The statistics of attendance for each month during the past year, compared with the previous year, are as follows:

MONTH.	1889-90.			MONTH.	1888-'89.		
	Visitors.	Periodicals Issued.	Av. Sunday Vis.		Visitors.	Periodicals Issued.	Av. Sunday Vis.
June.....	29,697	26,378	573	June.....	17,329	19,354	334
July.....	26,952	24,144	409	July.....	17,873	19,975	319
August....	28,619	25,665	447	August....	15,439	17,342	355
September	30,533	27,187	518	September	21,834	22,560	402
October....	34,959	31,114	721	October....	26,206	23,849	443
November	37,675	33,317	704	November	27,389	24,604	499
December..	37,788	33,298	702	December..	31,362	27,832	583
January....	46,972	41,171	710	January....	40,593	40,243	633
February..	45,539	39,939	822	February..	39,137	34,600	615
March.....	47,666	41,608	783	March.....	39,696	35,166	702
April.....	37,431	33,201	683	April.....	33,594	29,887	621
May.....	32,581	32,170	586	May.....	31,462	27,953	470
Total..	436,412	389,192	638	Total...	341,814	323,365	496

THE LIBRARY AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The principals of the following schools have drawn 2,336 volumes for the use of the pupils in the higher grades, during the past year: Burr, Brainard, Dunning, Bowen, Von Humboldt, Hancock, Oak Ridge, Raymond, Philip Sheridan, Scammon, Hyde Park High School, Cook County Normal and West Division High Schools. Ten classes from the West Division High School, numbering 420 pupils, visited the Library with their teachers and consulted a large number of books on topics in connection with their studies.

ADMINISTRATION.

Forty-five persons are regularly employed in the day service of the Library, and twelve in the evening service; there are, in addition, six substitutes, three in the day and three in the evening service. With five janitors, one night watchman, one electrician, and one expressman, the total number of persons in the employ of the Library is seventy-one. The amount expended for salaries was \$45,919.61, which included \$2,787.00 paid for the transportation of books to and from the delivery stations.

BINDING.

The number of books sent to the binderies was 13,775, against 11,124 in the preceding year. P. Ringer & Co., who do the finer grade of binding, received 1888 books. Joseph Flucke and Anton Janes, who continue to bind the common and more popular books, received each, respectively, 7,563 and 4,324 books. There were repaired by the Library attendants, 12,674 books. The amount expended for binding was \$5,280.42.

ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

The annual examination, which has been carried on without closing the Library, shows 144 books unaccounted for. Of these 77 are English prose fiction, and juvenile books, and 67 in all other classes. Of the 135 books unaccounted for last year, 15 have since been found; 4 of the missing books of 1888 have also reappeared during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK H. HILD,
Librarian.

APPENDIX A (1)

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FROM 1875 TO 1882.

	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.
Books in the Library.....	89,286	49,024	51,409	57,984	60,428	67,772	77,140	87,373
Total Accessions.....	21,053	10,251	3,399	7,376	4,287	8,440	11,920	11,088
Purchased.....	20,122	8,056	3,441	6,544	3,010	7,799	9,814	9,091
Donated.....	969	2,195	958	1,332	1,377	641	2,106	1,347
Expended for.....	\$28,410 63	\$10,784 19	\$2,504 17	\$ 9,078 06	\$ 2,907 24	\$ 7,404 52	\$10,843 72	\$10,053 63
Worn out.....	88	463	1,015	1,301	1,848	1,187	2,502	906
Unaccounted for.....	322	431	280	186	210	160	281	297
Pamphlets, Accessions of.....	1,944	354	232	419	1087	487	848	2,133
New Registration of Book Borrowers.....	20,710	9,843	6,934	11,331	9,130	9,505	10,905	10,241
Circulation of Books.....	399,156	405,747	398,090	354,506	368,428	300,751	352,801	349,977
Daily Average.....	1,313	1,366	1,301	1,166	1,305	1,002	1,161	1,144
Largest issue in one day.....	2,539	2,631	2,501	3,309	2,339	2,176	2,421	2,358
Smallest issue in one day.....	529	698	732	573	663	613	636	676
Received for Fines.....	\$ 2,648 72	\$ 2,331 44	\$ 2,710 64	\$ 1,959 57	\$ 1,833 70	\$ 1,775 72	\$ 2,064 35	\$ 2,169 18
Reading Room, Periodicals on File.....	288	285	230	210	228	331	241	253
Newspapers on File.....	80	104	91	98	118	128	130	124
Visitors.....	236,021	2 8,795	199,700	181,053	186,588	189,336	302,796	366,118
Periodicals Issued.....	135,355	138,934	127,423	115,375	119,547	124,597	184,617	199,471
Sunday Readers—Average.....	560	360	296	280	290	297	688	1,090
Cost of Serials.....	\$ 1,915 94	\$ 2,300 55	\$ 1,495 14	\$ 1,277 38	\$ 1,685 63	\$ 1,705 54	\$ 1,677 68	\$ 1,894 84
Reference Department Visitors.....	.....	5,528	8,375	16,916	20,214	23,105	32,340	38,484
Issues.....	.....	18,233	15,790	37,498	63,691	68,115	97,564	117,074
Binding, Cost of.....	\$ 1,991 80	\$ 4,396 57	\$ 2,998 25	\$ 2,723 55	\$ 3,964 03	\$ 2,167 01	\$ 3,364 65	\$ 3,843 33
Amount paid for Salaries.....	15,545 00	14,705 20	11,972 47	13,374 90	13,571 00	14,559 00	17,688 35	20,863 93

APPENDIX B.

LIST OF DONORS.

	Vols.	Pamp.
Aberdeen, Scotland, Public Library.....	..	1
Academie Royal des Sciences, Lisbon, Port.....	1	--
Adams, Hon. George E.....	16	--
Albany Medical College.....	..	1
Albany Young Men's Association.....	..	1
Allegheny City, Pa.....	1	--
Allen Academy.....	..	1
Altenheim Frauen Verein.....	..	2
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.....	1	4
American Dental Association.....	1	--
American Institute of Homœopathy.....	1	..
American Institute of Mining Engineers.....	1	--
American Laryngological Association.....	2	--
American Pomological Society.....	1	--
American Surgical Association.....	1	--
Amherst College.....	..	1
Anderson and Gillette, N. Y.....	1	--
Andover Theological Seminary.....	..	1
Association of American Physicians.....	1	--
Association for the Advancement of Women.....	..	2
B. & L. R. R. Co., Boston.....	1	--
Backhouse, Katherine, London, Eng.....	2	--
Baltimore Mercantile Library Association.....	..	1
Bangor Public Library.....	..	2
Barker, G. W.....	4	--
Barrow-in-Furness Free Public Library.....	..	1
Barrows, John H.....	..	2
Batchellor, A. S.....	..	1
Bausset, Dr. A. de.....	..	3
Beer, W.....	1	--
Beijers, J. L., Utrecht.....	1	--
Belfield, Dr. H. H.....	1	--
Bessems, Paul.....	..	10

Birmingham, England, Free Public Library	2	..
Bloor, A. J.	8	..
Bodleian Library, Oxford	1	..
Boecklin, A.	1	..
Boltwood, H. L.	1	..
Boston Children's Hospital	1	..
Boston Citizen's Association	1	..
Boston City Hospital	2	..
Boston, City of	3	..
Boston Public Library	2	4
Bourke, Capt. J. G.	3	..
Bowdoin College	2	..
Bridgeport, Conn., Public Library	1	..
Brinton, Dr. D. G., Phila.	4	..
British Museum, London	1	..
Brookline, Mass., Public Library	1	..
Brooklyn Library	1	..
Buenos Ayres, National Library	15	1
Buffalo Library	1	..
Butler, A. O.	1	..
California State Engineer	2	..
California State Library	1	..
California State Mineralogist	2	..
California, University of	1	5
Calleja, C., London	1	..
Canada, Geological and Natural History Survey	3	1
Central Pacific R. R.	2	..
Chalmers, P., London	1	..
Channing, W.	1	..
Chicago Art Institute	5	..
Chicago Bar Association	2	..
Chicago Citizen's Association	44	..
Chicago, City of	3	1
Chicago, City Clerk	1	..
Chicago, City Comptroller	1	..
Chicago, College of Law	1	..
Chicago, Commissioner of Public Works	1	..
Chicago Historical Society	1	..
Chicago Interstate Industrial Exposition	1	..
Chicago Law Institute	2	..
Chicago Manual Training School	6	..
Chicago Medical Association	1	..
Chicago Women's Medical College	1	..
Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce	2	..
Cincinnati Public Library	1	5
Cincinnati Young Men's Mercantile Library Association	1	..

Clemens, Dr. Theo., Germany.....	1	--
Clerkenwell Free Public Library.....	--	1
Cleveland, Ohio, Public Library.....	2	--
Cobb's Library, Chicago.....	--	1
Collins, L., London.....	1	--
Columbia College Library.....	--	2
Concord, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1
Concord, N. H., Public Library.....	--	1
Connecticut Historical Society.....	1	--
Cornell University.....	--	1
Counsel, E., Australia.....	1	--
Creighton, Coll., Omaha.....	--	1
Crerar, John, Trustees Estate of.....	1	--
Cullom, Hon. Shelby M.....	1	--
Cust, R. N., London.....	7	1
Cutter, C. A., Boston.....	--	1
Dale, J. T.....	2	--
Dante Society, Cambridge.....	--	1
Davies, John J.....	--	1
Dawson Bros., Montreal.....	1	--
Denison, F. S.....	3	--
Denver Public Library.....	--	2
Detroit, Mich., Public Library.....	1	1
DeWolfe, Dr. O.....	1	612
Dietzsch, Emil.....	1	--
Dolge, A.....	1	--
Doncaster Free Library.....	--	1
Dorsey, Hon. Geo. W. E.....	--	2
Dover, N. H., Public Library.....	--	1
Durselen, Dr. C. N.....	3	--
Eaton, N. A.....	--	1
Edmands, J.....	1	--
Elgin, Ills., Public Library.....	1	--
Elliot, Wm. F.....	26	--
Elliot, Wm. S.....	1	--
Ellis, Geo. H., Boston.....	1	--
Enoch Pratt Free Library.....	--	2
Felton, C. E.....	--	1
Fernandez, M., Costa Rica.....	3	--
Fitzgerald, David.....	--	1
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.....	--	1
Florence Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale.....	--	23
Florence Instituto di Studi Superio.....	6	--
Frank, Henry L.....	35	--
Frederickson, Mrs. N. C.....	8	--
Fridell, D.....	1	--

Frost, T. G.....	--	1
Frost, W. G.....	--	1
Funk and Wagnalls, N. Y.....	8	--
Gardelle Publishing Co.....	--	1
Gauss, E. F. L.....	8	8
Gerardin, Victor M.....	17	--
Germantown, Pa., Friends' Free Library.....	--	1
Grand Rapids, Mich., Public Library.....	1	1
Great Britain, Commissioner of Patents.....	61	--
Great Britain, Royal Stationery Office.....	--	1
Great Yarmouth, Eng., Free Library.....	--	1
Greely, Gen. A. W.....	1	--
Green, Dr. Sam'l A.....	7	55
Hahnemann Medical College.....	--	1
Hamilton Public Library.....	--	1
Hampton Library, Bridgehampton, L. I.....	1	--
Handel and Hayden Society, Boston.....	--	1
Hanstein, Harry.....	1	--
Hart, S.....	--	1
Hart, W. F., London, Eng.....	--	1
Hartford Library Association.....	--	5
Hartford Seminary.....	--	8
Harvard University.....	8	--
Harvard University Library.....	--	1
Haselden, C. J. A.....	1	--
Haskins, C. C.....	--	8
Hauxhurst, A.....	18	--
Hawley, E. S.....	--	1
Hennecke, C.....	1	--
Hild, F. H.....	--	5
Hildeburn, C. R.....	1	--
Hirsch, Dr. E. G.....	8	8
Hirsch, Dr. Samuel A., Family of.....	--	1
History Company, The, San Francisco.....	--	2
Holmes, B.....	--	8
Horsford, E. N.....	1	--
Hotz, Dr. F. C.....	14	--
Hubbard, Mrs. G. S.....	1	--
Huntington, W. R.....	--	1
Illinois Bureau of Labor Statistics.....	1	--
Illinois Department of State.....	14	1
Illinois State Board of Health.....	2	8
Illinois State Horticultural Society.....	8	--
Illinois State Laboratory of Natural History.....	1	--
Illinois State Medical Society.....	1	--
Illinois University.....	4	--

I. O. B. B., District Grand Lodge, No. 6.....	1	
Iowa State Agricultural Society.....	8	--
Iowa State Laboratories of Natural History.....	1	
Italy, Minister of Public Instruction.....	1	4
Italy, War Department.....	--	7
Iverson, Blakeman and Co., N. Y.....	1	--
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.....	--	6
Kansas Academy of Sciences.....	4	--
Kent, W. P.....	1	--
Koenigliche Bibliothek, Berlin.....	5	--
LaFayette Public Library.....	1	--
Lake Forest University.....	--	1
Lancaster, Mass., Library.....	--	1
Larremore, W., N. Y.....	1	--
Leamington Spa Borough Free Public Library.....	--	1
Leeds, Eng., Free Library.....	--	1
Liverpool, Eng., Free Public Library.....	--	1
Liverpool Literary and Philosophical Society.....	3	--
London, City of.....	1	--
London, Library Committee of the Corporation of.....	1	--
Los Angeles, Cal., Public Library.....	--	1
Lowe, Hon. John.....	1	--
Lumry, O. F.....	1	--
Lynn, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1
MacIlvain, J. L.....	1	--
McKnight, D. A.....	1	--
McMath, R. E.....	--	1
Malden, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1
Manchester, Eng., Free Public Library.....	--	1
Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society.....	1	--
Manchester, N. H., Public Library.....	--	1
Masonic Grand Lodge of Iowa.....	1	--
Massachusetts, Commonwealth of.....	2	--
Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor.....	11	6
Massachusetts Club.....	--	1
Massachusetts Medical Society.....	--	1
Massachusetts New Church Union.....	1	--
Massachusetts State Board of Health.....	1	--
Mayer, Isaac H.....	24	--
Melrose, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1
Michigan State Board of Health.....	1	--
Michigan State Librarian.....	16	8
Michigan, University of.....	--	3
Milwaukee Public Library.....	--	5
Milwaukee "Sentinel".....	1	--
Minneapolis Public Library.....	1	4

Minogue, A. F. 1 Map .....	..	..
Molee, E.	1	..
Momerie, A. W.	1	..
Morrison, Hon. Wm. R.	1	..
National W. C. T. U.	1	..
Neubner, P., Cologne	1	..
New Bedford Free Public Library	1	..
New Sydenham Society	1	..
New York, City of	1	..
New York City, Apprentices Library	1	..
New York City, Astor Library	1	..
New York City, Board of Education	4	..
New York City, Cooper Union	1	..
New York City, General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen ..	1	..
New York City, Free Circulating Library	1	..
New York City Library Association	1	..
New York City, Malmonides Library	2	..
New York City Mercantile Library	1	..
New York City, Meteorological Observatory	1	..
New York City, Tribune Association	2	..
New York City, Typothete of	1	..
New York City, Y. M. C. A.	1	..
New York State Bureau of Statistics of Labor	2	..
New York State Forest Commission	1	..
New York State Library	30	..
New York State Reservation at Niagara Falls	1	..
Newark, N. J., Free Public Library	1	..
Newberry Library	2	..
Newton, Mass., Free Library	1	..
Northwestern University	1	..
Occident Publishing Co., Chicago	1	..
O'Hanlon, Rev. Canon J., Dublin	1	..
Ohio State Forestry Bureau	2	..
Ohio State Meteorological Bureau	7	..
Omaha Board of Trade	1	..
Omaha Public Library	1	..
Onahan, Wm. J.	3	..
Oregon State Board of Agriculture	1	..
Paris Bibliotheque Nationale	1	..
Paterson, N. J., Free Public Library	1	..
Patrick, G. T. W.	1	..
Patterson, J. Ritchie	1	..
Payne, Wm. M.	8	5
Peabody Institute, Baltimore	1	1
Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass.	1	1
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass.	1	1

Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery.....	1	
Pennsylvania Women's Medical College	2	
Peoria Public Library.....	1	
Phalen, A.....	1	--
Phelan, John F.....	28	
Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences.....	1	
Philadelphia Commissioners of Public Buildings	1	--
Philadelphia Library Company	2	
Philadelphia Mercantile Library.....	18	
Pickett, C. C.	8	--
Pierce, E. L.....	1	
Plymouth, Eng., Free Public Library	1	
Poole, W. F.....	2	
Pope, F. L., Elizabeth, N. J.....	1	--
Powers, Amos H.	1	--
Prall, J. S.....	1	
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn	1	
Prince, C. L.....	1	
Prince, Lucian.....	4	--
Providence Athenaeum.....	1	
Providence Public Library	1	
Provost, C. E.....	1	--
Queensland Registrar of Patents.....	8	--
Quincy, Mass, Thos. Crane Library	1	
Randall, C. D.....	1	
Randolph, R., Phila.	2	--
Redwood Library and Athenaeum, Newport, R. I.....	1	
Relling, I. T.....	8	--
Reynolds Library, Rochester, N. Y.	1	
Richardson, Mrs.....	2	--
Richmond, Surrey, Free Public Library.....	1	
Rochedale Borough, Eng., Free Public Library	1	
Rochester University.....	2	
Roma, Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale Vittorio Emanuele.....	8	
Rosenthal, Julius.....	1	--
Royal Institution of Great Britain.....	1	
St. Helens, Eng., Free Library	1	
St. Louis Mercantile Library Association	1	2
St. Louis Public Library.....	1	
St. Paul Public Library.....	2	
Salem, Mass., Public Library.....	1	1
San Francisco Public Library.....	1	1
San Francisco Mechanics' Institute.....	1	--
San Francisco Mercantile Library Association.....	1	
Saward, F. E.....	1	
Senfort, W.....	1	

Shakspeare Memorial Library Stratford-on-Avon.....	1	
Sheffield, Eng., Free Libraries	1	
Sheridan Club, Chicago.....	1	
Simmons, J. E.....	1	
Smith, David T., Wellington, New Zealand	1	
Smith, Pliny B.....	1	
Smithsonian Institute.....	9	8
Society of the Army of the Potomac.....	1	
Southampton, Eng., Free Public Library	1	
Southbridge, Mass., Public Library.....	2	
Springfield, Mass., City Library Association.....	1	
Stark, E. D.....	1	
Stevens, B. F., London	1	32
Stirling and Glasgow Public Library	1	
Straight, H. J. and Co.....	1	
Sturrock Museum, Edinburgh.....	1	
Swansea, Eng., Public Library.....	1	
Taunton, Mass., Public Library.....	1	
Taylor, Hon. Abner	1	
Taylor, T., Washington	1	
Terre Haute, Ind., Public Library.....	1	
Theosophical Society, Chicago.....	1	
Thompson, Slason.....	2	
Thuillier, Col. H. R., Surveyor Gen'l, India	1	
Thwaites, Reuben G.....	1	
Toledo, O., Public Library.....	1	
Toronto, Ont., Public Library.....	1	5
Trinity College, Hartford.....	1	
Tucker, W. G.	1	
Tuft's College, Boston.....	1	
Union Theological Seminary, N. Y.....	1	
United States Army, Chief of Engineers	1	
United States Brewers' Association.....	4	19
United States Bureau of Education	5	62
United States Bureau of Ethnology.....	2	1
United States Bureau of Statistics	1	1
United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, 1 Map	2	
United States Commission of Fish and Fisheries.....	3	
United States Commissioner of Labor.....	6	
United States Commissioner of Patents.....	27	
United States Commissioner of Pensions.....	1	
United States Commissioners to the Paris Exposition.....	1	
United States Department of Agriculture.....	1	4
United States Department of Interior, 2 Maps	124	37
United States Department of State	7	14
United States Geological Survey, 30 Maps	2	7

United States Life Saving Service.....	1	--
United States Naval Institute	--	1
United States Naval Observatory	1	--
United States Navy Department	1	--
United States Signal Service, 120 Maps	18	1
United States Surgeon General.....	4	--
United States Treasury Department.....	2	1
United States War Department	14	--
Utica, N. Y., City of	--	1
Vermont State Library	16	5
Waddir, J.....	1	--
Warren, Ills., Public Library.....	--	1
Washburn, W. T.....	1	--
Washington Centennial Celebration, Souvenir Com., Chicago..	1	--
Washington Life Insurance Co., N. Y.....	1	--
Watertown, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1
Wayland, Mass., Public Library.....	1	--
Wayland, Mass., Town of	--	1
Westinghouse Electric Co., Pittsburg.....	--	1
Whitmore, W. H.....	1	--
Wickersham, W. B.	2	73
Wieser, Rev. Geo.....	6	--
Williams, J. F., St. Paul	1	--
Wilmington, Del., Institute.....	--	1
Winona Free Library.....	--	1
Winsor, Justin	--	3
Wisconsin, Loyal Legion	--	1
Wisconsin State Historical Society.....	1	2
Woburn, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1
Woodbury, C. J. L., Boston	--	1
Worcester, Mass., Public Library.....	1	--
Yale University.....	--	5
Yale University Observatory.....	--	1
Young Men's Christian Associations, International Com. of....	--	2
Young, Miss E. A.....	2	4
Unknown.....	18	15

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SERIALS DONATED.

American.

American Building Association-
News.
American Sheep Breeder.
American Soap Journal.
American Stationer.
Argus.
Banker's Monthly.
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Brickmaker.
Bulletin of the Y. M. C. A.
Canada, Pat. Office Record.
Catholic Home.
Chicago, Council Proceedings.
Chicago Law Times.
Chicago Legal News.
Christian Worker.
Civil Service Record.
Congressional Record.
Domestic Monthly.
Farmers' Review.
Friend.
Graphic.
Home Visitor.
Industrial World.
Inland Architect.
Inland Printer.
International Magazine of Truth.
Jewelers' Weekly.
Junior American Mechanic.
Law, The
Lumber Trade Journal.
Manifesto.
Missionary Herald.
National Car Builder.
New Earth.
Office Men's Record.

Official Gazette U. S. Patents.
Once a Week.
Open Court.
Path.
Pernin's Monthly Stenographer.
Phonographic Monthly.
Photo.
Practical Mechanic.
Presto.
Quaker City Philatelist.
Queries Magazine.
Shorthand Writer.
Signs of the Times.
Southern Industrial Record.
Stationary Engineer.
Stationer and Printer.
Street Railway Gazette.
Switchmen's Journal.
Unitarian Review.
Unity.
U. S. Consular Reports.
Western Agriculturist.

Medical Publications.

Clinique.
Homœopathic Review.
Medical Visitor.
Sanitary Reports.

British Publications.

Brewers' Guardian.
Investors' Monthly Manual.
Ironmonger.
Mining Journal.
Monthly Notices of the Royal As-
tronomical Society.
Paper and Printing Trades Journal.

German Publications.

Acker und Gartenbau Zeitung.
 Argentinisches Tageblatt.
 Braumeister.
 Fortschritt der Zeit.
 Im Familienkreise.

American Newspapers, Daily.

Birmingham Herald.
 Boston Herald.
 Denver Times.
 Memphis Daily Commercial.
 Evening Democrat.
 Scimitar.

Weekly, Bi-Weekly and Monthly.

Albina (Ore.) Courier.
 Alfred Centre (N. Y.) Outlook and Sabbath Quarterly.
 Battle Creek (Mich.) Advent Review.
 Boston, Christian Register.
 Textile World.
 World's Crisis.
 Chicago, Anchor and Shield.
 Banner.
 Confectioner and Baker.
 Democrat.
 Elite News.
 Express.
 Guardsman.
 L'Italia.
 International Fire Proofer.
 Israelite.
 Jewish Courier.
 Ledger.
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 Occident.
 Parish Messenger.
 Referee.
 Saturday Evening Herald.
 Standard.
 Union Signal.
 Western British American.
 Western Catholic News.

Young Crusader.

Chino Valley Champion.
 Cleveland, Silver Dollar.
 De Land (Fla.) Agriculturist.
 Weekly News.
 Forest City Press.
 Capital.
 Hartford (Conn.) Travelers' Record.
 Indianapolis Freeman.
 Kissimee (Fla.) Leader.
 Minneapolis, Book Friend.
 North.
 Saturday Spectator.
 Nashville (Tenn.) Cumberland Presbyterian.
 New York, American Mail and Export Journal.
 Irish World.
 Hebrew Standard.
 Paper Trade Journal.
 Sabbath Recorder.
 Voice.
 Ontario (Cal.) Observer.
 Philadelphia, New Christianity.
 Protestant Standard.
 Port Angeles Times.
 Portland, Pacific Farmer.
 Weekly Oregonian.
 San Diego (Cal.) California Informant.
 San Francisco, Pacific States.
 South Riverside (Cal.) Bee.
 Tallahassee, Weekly Floridian.
 Three Lakes, Echo.
 Toledo, Stumblingstone.
 Washington (D. C.) National View.
 Sentinel.

Canadian Newspapers, Daily.

Hamilton, Daily Spectator.
 Montreal, Daily Witness.

German Newspapers, Daily.

Chicago, Abendpost.
 Arbeiter Zeitung.
 Staats Zeitung.

Weekly.

Chicago, Beobachter.
 Deutsche Warte.
 Medford, Ansiedler.
 Waldbote.
 New York, Auswander.
 Oestr.-Amerik, Zeitung.
 Sonntagsblatt der N. Y.
 Volkszeitung.

French Newspapers, Daily.

Kankakee, Courier de L'Illinois.

Bohemian Newspapers, Daily.

Chicago, Chicagske Listy.
 Svornost.

Weekly.

Chicago, Cechoslavan.
 Duch Casu.
 Cleveland, Dennice Novočku.
 Volnost.
 Omaha, Pokrok Zapadu.
 Racine, Slavie.

Polish Newspapers, Weekly.

Buffalo, Echo.
 Polak w Ameryce.
 Chicago, Dzienswiety.
 Gazeta Katolicka.
 Milwaukee, Kuryer Polski.
 Zgoda.
 Winona, (Minn.) Kosciusko.
 Wiarus.

Dutch Newspapers, Weekly.

Chicago, De Nederlander.

Grand Rapids, Stemmen uit de vrije
 Hollandsche Gemeente.

**Norwegian Newspapers,
Daily.**

Chicago, Dagbladet.
 Skandinaven.

Weekly,

Chicago, Amerika.
 Folkevennen.
 Folkets Avis.
 Illustreret Ugeblad.
 Norden.
 Verdens Gang.
 Vort Blad.

Duluth, Scandia.
 Stoughton (Wis.) Gauken.
 St. Paul, Nordvesten.
 West Superior Posten.

**Swedish Newspapers,
Weekly.**

Chicago, Bladet.
 Gamla och Nya Hemlandet.
 Missions Vännen.
 Svenska Amerikanaren.
 Svenska Kurlren.
 Svenska Tribunen.

Danish Newspapers.

Omaha, Dannebrog.
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Sandwich Islands.

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Delivery Stations: Messrs. R. J. SMITH, KASPAR and HIRSCH.

Buildings and Grounds: Messrs. MOOS, REND and R. J. SMITH.

Finance: Messrs. KASPAR, DREYER and HATCH.

By-Laws: Messrs. Pliny B. SMITH, KASPAR and HATCH.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, APRIL 11,
1872, TO JULY 1, 1891, WITH THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE.
PRESIDENTS PRINTED IN CAPITALS.

ALLEN, JAMES LANE.....	1880-1882	MOOS, BERNHARD.....	1887-1893
ANTHONY, ELLIOTT.....	1872-1877	MOSES, ADOLPH.....	1882-1888
ARMSTRONG, GEO. B.....	1881-1882	ONAHAN, WM. J.....	1874-1881
BEEBE, WM. H.....	1887-1889	*QUEAL, ROB'T F.....	1872-1876
BILLINGS, ALBERT M.....	1875-1878	*RASTER, HERMANN.....	1872-1875
BRADLEY, J. HARLEY.....	1887-1887	REND, WM. P.....	1889-1892
BRINE, GEO. J.....	1886-1887	ROGERS, HENRY W.....	1883-1885
CALLAGHAN, B.....	1880-1886	ROSENTHAL, JULIUS.....	1872-1875
*CURRAN, WM.....	1882-1883	RUBENS, HARRY.....	1879-1885
DREYER, EDWARD S.....	1889-1892	SCHMIDT, DR. ERNST.....	1881-1882
ENRIGHT, JOHN W.....	1883-1888	*SCRANTON, ABNER R.....	1876-1879
*FORRESTER, ROB'T H.....	1879-1880	*SHEAHAN, JAMES W.....	1872-1874
HATCH, AZEL F.....	1890-1893	SHOREY, DAN'L L.....	1872-1880
*HAYES, SAM'L S.....	1872-1875	SHORTALL, JOHN G.....	1896-1892
HIRSCH, EMIL G.....	1888-1894	SMITH, PLINY B.....	1888-1893
HOTZ, DR. F. C.....	1872-1875	SMITH, ROBERT J.....	1890-1893
*HOYNE, THOS.....	1872-1875	SMITH, SIDNEY.....	1877-1879
HYNES, WM. J.....	1881-1887	SPRAGUE, OTHO S. A.....	1878-1881
KADLEC, L. W.....	1880-1889	*SWAZEY, DR. ARTHUR.....	1885-1887
KASPAR, WM.....	1889-1894	UMBDENSTOCK, MICHAEL.....	1887-1890
KENT, WM. D.....	1888-1889	WALKER, DR. J. B.....	1875-1883
LOEWENTHAL, B.....	1875-1882	*WELLS, WM. H.....	1882-1885
MACMILLAN, T. C.....	1882-1887	WILLIAMS, NORMAN.....	1887-1889
MANNHARDT, EMIL.....	1885-1888	*WOODARD, WILLARD.....	1872-1874
MASON, GEORGE.....	1874-1880		

*Deceased.

SHEAHAN, JAS. W., Acting Secretary from April 11 to July 20,
1872.

WICKERSHAM, W. B., Secretary since July 20, 1872.

POOLE, WM. F., LL. D., Librarian from Oct. 25, 1873 to
Aug. 1, 1887.

HILD, FREDRICK H., Librarian since Oct. 15, 1887.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

Librarian: FREDERICK H. HILD.

Secretary: WILLIAM B. WICKERSHAM.

Assistant Librarians:

E. F. L. GAUSS, *First Assistant.*

ELIZABETH A. YOUNG,

KATE M. HENNEBERRY.

Library Assistants:

B. M. SMITH, *Sup't of Day Service.*

J. RITCHIE PATTERSON,
WM. A. PUKER,
REIDAR ARENTZ,
CARRIE L. ELLIOTT,
JOHN F. PHELAN,
LILYAN G. MORAWSKI,
MAY BOSTETTER,
OTTILIE GOLDBERGER,
MAY I. CARROLL,
MARGARET KEARNEY,
HATTIE HYDE,
OTTO GOLDBERGER,
ANNA FITZGERALD,
VIRGINIA SHERWOOD,
EMILY A. KOUPAL,
AMELIA M. PLATT,
AMANDA DIEHL,
FRANK E. WASKA,
CARL B. RODEN,
STEPHANIE SKORAZINSKA,
JESSIE BOOTH,

EMMA ROMMEISS,
MARY M. HISHEN,
JOHN E. KOSTKA,
CHAS. R. BARNES,
MABEL K. PECK,
AGNES COLEMAN,
MONTANA STOVER,
HENRIETTA ENRIGHT,
MARGARET CRAIN,
JOHN E. DVORAK,
THOS. B. MARTENS,
WALTER E. WOOD,
EMANUEL HOLY,
CHAS. WASKA,
WALTER HICKEY,
ROBERT MEISSNER,
FRANK SCHMIDT,
EDWARD HENWOOD,
ALBERT POLLAK,
CHAS. A. LARSON,
JOHN TOMAN.

Evening Attendants:

ALBERT E. NICKERSON, <i>Sup't.</i>	AUGUST J. C. TIMM,
CHAS. LHOTKA,	JOHN A. BARRON,
BOHUMIL SLADEK,	HENRY G. WILSON,
JAMES J. KELLY,	HARLOW A. LEEKLY,
WILLIAM S. NEWBERGER,	ALBERT C. HAMMETT,
VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN,	LOUIS M. STERN.

Branch Reading Rooms:

NO. 1. SAM'L ROGALSKI, <i>Sup't.</i>	NO. 3. CHR. A. LANGE, <i>Sup't.</i>
ALBERT GLOPPEN, <i>Ass't.</i>	HERMANN PERZ, <i>Ass't.</i>
NO. 2. J. C. BARBEE, <i>Sup't.</i>	NO. 4. WILL. L. MCRAE, <i>Sup't.</i>
EDW. KIRSCH, <i>Ass't.</i>	MARY E. REMMER, <i>Ass't.</i>
NO. 5. JOHN A. YOUNG, <i>Sup't.</i>	
HYMAN GOLDBERG, <i>Ass't.</i>	

Janitors:

NEWTON S. PURVANCE,	HENRY J. SEIDSHECK,
EMIL SCHÖNBACHER,	CHARLES JACKSON,
IDA MORRISSETTE,	FREDRIKA HENRIKSEN.

Night Watchman: A. S. EINSTEIN.

Electrician: EDWARD MARTIN.

Expressman for Delivery Stations: MORRIS ROSENSTOCK.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
DIRECTORS OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY
COUNCIL:

Gentlemen: The Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library herewith respectfully presents its nineteenth annual report, together with the reports of its Librarian and Secretary, and desires to again commend the zeal, and devotion to the Library's interests, shown by those officers, as well as by the several assistants within the office and throughout the Library.

The number of volumes added during the year has been 20,078, making a total of 166,475 volumes, with a total circulation of 1,290,514,—942,248 volumes of which were taken upon cards for home use.

The number of visitors to the Reading Room was 492,837, and of those to the several Reference Departments, not including the Reading Room, 105,606. The decrease, some 8,000, from the figures of last year in the Reference Departments, is attributed to the opening of Reading Rooms at Branch Stations, and to the discontinuance of the Medical Department, the contents of which latter were handed over by us to the Newberry Library, at its request, and at that of the original donors, with our own concurrence, and with a view of making the same as perfect as might be practicable—the Newberry desiring to make such a Medical Department one of its specialties.

We would call particular attention to the Library's consideration of its Branch Delivery Stations, and its establishment

of the new Public Reading Rooms in various parts of the city, for details of which we beg to refer to the Librarian's Report, attached—there are altogether, twenty-four of these now in most active and beneficial operation. The establishment of these new Reading and Reference Rooms has been one of the most important efforts of the past year.

Since our last communication, we have, under your direction, taken possession of Dearborn Park for our new building, having secured the consent of every owner of the abutting property, save one, this one having promised to sign when all others had done so. His consent will doubtless be added later.

A settlement has been arrived at between this Board and the Soldiers' Home (to which latter was granted by the Legislature the North quarter of this plot of ground) upon a satisfactory basis; the soldiers and sailors of the late civil war to use and occupy as a Memorial Hall, and for other purposes of their organization, for fifty years, a portion of the building to be erected, with a reversion thereof to the Library—the Library also having a certain use of the Memorial Hall.

The Building Committee of the Library has begun the planning of the interior of the new building, having called to its aid most competent professional assistance, and has completed the chief part of the work—the basement and first and second stories, and most satisfactorily. It is designed to construct the exterior of the building, so that it shall be an honor to our city, ethically as well as architecturally, without profusion of meaningless ornament on the one hand, or of common place simplicity on the other, but aiming to convey, exteriorly, that idea of dignity and repose that should mark its use and completeness.

We append hereto a pamphlet* containing the history of the efforts to secure this site, Dearborn Park, for our Library building, to which we beg to refer; and would merely add

*The pamphlet here referred to was printed and published by the Board in February last.

that the city is to be most highly congratulated that it has at last been enabled, through the kindness of the several owners of property abutting upon this plot of ground, whose public spirit and broad and liberal action in this regard cannot be too highly commended, to occupy so noble a site for so noble a purpose. No point in the whole city is at once so commodious, and so accessible to all our people.

We desire further to acknowledge our indebtedness to our Senate and House of Representatives for the kind, wise and prompt legislation so necessary in this behalf, and which gives the Library management the power and means of erecting, without delay, an adequate and monumental Library building. This success crowns the efforts that have been made, with more or less zeal and skill, ever since the Library was established, and would seem to insure the existence and independence of the Institution for all time.

At this point we would gladly refer to the bequests of our deceased fellow citizens, Rev. Wm. H. Ryder and Mr. Hiram Kelly. Mr. Ryder's bequest, amounting to \$10,000, has been carefully invested for the Library's use, and according to its terms; the bequest of Mr. Kelly will exceed the sum of \$125,000, as appears by the *Report of our Committee, which is also appended hereto, of date April 18th, last. It is intended that some special commemoration of those public spirited gentlemen may be devised, and their names and generosity permanently honored within the new building when erected.

A great advantage of our Library lies in its perfect freedom from political interference and dictation. Civil Service rules are more and more firmly established, and (to quote from the report of the chairman of the Administration Committee) "now govern as near as possible, all appointments, promotions, and adjustment of salaries, * * * * and merit is the only influence employees can bring to bear in their own behalf."

*The report referred to was printed and published in the proceedings of the Board for April 25, 1891.

The number of volumes added during the twelve months last past was exceeded only by the accessions of 1875, in which year the then young Library was stocked with the common reading matter for the masses. The class of books received within the last year was the best ever added, comprising many works of lasting value, upon the science and arts, especially the practical arts.

We are now entering upon a most important step in the life of this "University of the People," the erection of its own home, a permanent house to hold its treasures; the fruition of a hope that has animated us so many years. In this we have before us the failures as well as the successes of many others. We intend, in its construction, firstly, that it shall subserve its purpose as perfectly as human skill and foresight can design it, and secondly, that it shall express such true architectural skill and good taste, that it may be forever a source of just pride to those—State, City and individual—who have had the honor of assisting in its erection, and stand an example to all of the value of a discriminating, unselfish and patriotic devotion to the public good.

JOHN G. SHORTALL, *President.*
BERNHARD MOOS,
E. S. DREYER,
R. J. SMITH,
EMIL G. HIRSCH,
AZEL F. HATCH,
WILLIAM KASPAR,
PLINY B. SMITH,
WILLIAM P. REND,

Directors.

Chicago, June 13, 1891.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

PUBLIC LIBRARY,
CHICAGO, JUNE 13, 1891.

To the President and Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:—As required by the seventh section of the Act of the General Assembly, under which the Library is established and maintained, I beg to submit the following financial and statistical statements for the year ended May 31st, 1891:

THE LIBRARY FUND.

Dr.

To Balance June 1, 1890,	
Fund of 1879 and prior years.....	\$ 23,534 44
“ “ 1889.....	18,417 51
“ “ 1890.....	100,552 00
Appropriation by City Council for maintenance of Library, March, 1891.....	109,677 00
Appropriation for Building Fund, 1891.....	329,031 00
Miscellaneous Receipts from June 1, 1890, to May 31, 1891.....	7,535 17
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	\$588,747 12

Cr.

By Salaries	\$ 51,440	54	
Books	17,669	22	
Binding	6,786	41	
Heating and Lighting	4,794	86	
Delivery Stations.....	7,490	43	
Newspapers and Periodicals.....	2,966	95	
Printing and Stationery	1,847	95	
Finding Lists.....	1,538	53	
Incidental Expense.....	3,223	79	
Freight and Expressage.....	549	27	
Postage.....	322	11	
Books lost and paid for, found, and money refunded	91	68	
Furniture and Fixtures.,.....	3,414	13	
Rent for Branch Reading Rooms	733	32	
	<u>\$102,869</u>	19	
Uncollected Taxes for 1889.....	1,817	28	\$104,686 47
Total Resources of Library, June 1, 1891.....			<u>\$484,060 65</u>

SUMMARY OF TOTAL RESOURCES.

Balance for maintenance of Library.	\$155,029	65	
Appropriation for Building Fund, 1891.....	329,031	00	\$484,060 65

CASH FUNDS.*Dr.*

To Balance, June 1, 1890.....	\$ 10,891	47	
City Comptroller for Incidental Expenses	2,323	57	
Security Deposits.....	841	25	
Interest on W. H. Ryder Fund...	408	70	

Cr.

By Incidental Expenses, as per vouchers audited	\$ 2,352 06
Security Deposits refunded.....	798 25
Balance Cash on hand June 1, 1891.....	11,314 68
	<u>\$ 14,464 99 \$ 14,464 99</u>

SUMMARY OF BALANCE.

Incidental Fund.....	\$ 43 24
Security Deposits.....	645 75
Ryder Fund, Invested in 8 % Secur- ities.....	\$ 10,000 00
Ryder Fund, Accrued In- terest in Bank....	525 69 10,525 69
Spec. Deposit Typographical Union.	<u>100 00 \$ 11,314 68</u>
Moneys received from the following sources and paid monthly to City Comptroller, from June 1, 1890, to May 31, 1891:	
From Sale of Duplicates	\$ 52 48
Miscellaneous Sources.....	1,042 73
Sale of Finding Lists.....	650 58
Books lost and paid for.....	438 50
Fines for detention of books...	<u>5,350 88 \$ 7,535 17</u>
Paid to the City Comptroller.....	<u>\$ 7,535 17</u>

BOOKS.

Number of Books in Library June 1, 1890.....	156,243
“ “ purchased the past year..	16,296
“ “ donated the past year....	1,175
“ “ rec'd from Reading Room.	663
“ “ “ “ Hyde Park Ly- ceum.....	<u>1,944</u>
Total number of Books added the past year.	20,078

No. of Books transferred to Newberry Li-	
brary the past year..	5,283
“ “ worn out.,.....	4,156
“ “ lost and paid for.....	268
“ “ delinquent in '89-'90..	31
“ “ missing in 1889.....	108

Total No. of Books subtracted the past year 9,846

Total net additions the past year..... 10,232

Total No. of volumes in Library June 1, 1891..... 166,475

Number of Books unaccounted for in annual inven-
tory of 1891..... 134

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
County of Cook. } ss.

I, W. B. WICKERSHAM, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library, do solemnly affirm that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

Affirmed to and subscribed before me this 13th day of June,
A. D. 1891.

[SEAL.]

E. F. L. GAUSS,
Notary Public.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

CHICAGO, June 13, 1891.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit herewith the nineteenth annual report of the Librarian on the condition and statistics of the Public Library for the official year ending May 31, 1891.

The most important event of the year affecting the interests of the Library, was the amendment, by the Legislature, of the State Library Act, which enables the City of Chicago to increase the tax levy for library purposes from one half of a mill to two mills, for a period of five years. The City Council, in acting upon the annual appropriation bill for 1891, promptly granted the full levy for the first year, \$438,708, thus placing at the command of the Library Board about \$300,000 with which to begin the erection of a permanent home for the Library on Dearborn Park.

The number of volumes in the Library has increased from 156,243 mentioned in the last annual report, to 166,475. The accessions have been larger than during any year since 1875. The aggregate circulation of books in all departments was 1,290,514, distributed as follows:

Home Circulation (Main Library).....	643,622
“ “ (Delivery Stations).....	294,880
Issued to Public Schools	3,746
Reference Department.....	327,619
Medical Department (1 month).....	1,175
Patent Department	19,477
Total.....	<u>1,290,514</u>

This shows an increase of more than 70,000 volumes over the report for the previous year. Four branch reading rooms were opened, and the number of delivery stations was increased from eighteen to twenty-four. The complete statistics of each department are given below, in the order of previous reports. A summary of the statistics for the past seventeen years will be found in Appendix A.

BOOKS.

The whole number of volumes in the Library May 31st was 166,475, showing a net increase of 10,232 volumes over the number reported last year, which was 156,243. The entire number of volumes entered in the accession catalogue was 20,078 volumes, from which were deducted the following: 5,283 volumes of medical and musical books transferred to the Newberry Library, 4,156 volumes worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 268 volumes lost and paid for, and 139 volumes missing and delinquent in 1889-90. Of the books added, 16,296 were purchased, 1,165 were donated, 663 were received from the Reading Room, and 1,944 from the Hyde Park Lyceum. This latter acquisition was the result of a proposition made by the Directors of the Hyde Park Lyceum to the Board, whereby they agreed to transfer to the Public Library all the books, pictures and furniture of the Lyceum on condition that the Board shall maintain a branch reading room and delivery station in Hyde Park. This proposition was accepted and since April 1, 1891, the Lyceum reading room has been conducted under the management of the Board. Of the 1,944 books contained in the collection, 1,167 volumes, consisting of works of fiction and juvenile books, were transferred to the circulating department of the main Library, and the remainder were left in the reading room to serve as the nucleus of a reference library, to which additions will be made from time to time. Of pamphlets, 1,645 were donated, and 228 were purchased, a total of 1,873. Of the 4,156 books worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 1,689 were English prose fiction, 1,086 juvenile books, 743 German books, 246 Bohemian books, 191 Scandinavian books, and 201 in other classes.

A classified analysis of the entire number of volumes added during the year, and the net increase and extent of each class in the Library is shown in the following table:

	Total Accessions of the Year.	Net Accessions of the Year.	Total No. of Volumes in Library.
History.....	488	391	9,991
Biography.....	626	608	7,051
Travels.....	385	353	6,283
Poetry and Drama.....	197	173	3,818
Essays and Miscellanies.....	190	160	2,711
Polygraphy and Collected Works....	120	115	2,680
Fine Arts.....	299	—1,684	2,260
Natural Sciences.....	135	127	3,948
Practical Arts (including Patents)...	425	376	8,764
Political and Social Science.....	262	244	3,738
Language and Literature.....	169	161	2,688
Mental and Moral Science.....	241	239	2,137
Ancient Classics.....	3	—2	1,079
Religion.....	109	108	4,247
Medicine.....	11	—3,309	462
Law.....	24	22	714
Periodicals and Newspapers.....	2,069	2,069	18,433
Gov't Documents and State Papers...	920	920	10,143
Bibliography.....	77	77	1,402
Dictionaries and Encyclopædias....	184	184	2,405
English Prose Fiction.....	7,699	5,841	27,570
Juvenile Literature.....	1,644	352	6,542
German Literature.....	1,473	706	18,057
French Literature.....	1,572	1,543	8,225
Italian Literature.....	41	41	494
Spanish Literature.....	9	9	172
Portuguese Literature.....	1	1	26
Dutch Literature.....	183	183	1,397
Bohemian Literature.....	460	213	3,945
Polish Literature.....	17	21	1,013
Russian Literature.....	....	....	136
Scandinavian Literature.....	195	....	3,944
Total.....	20,078	10,232	166,475

The amount expended for books was \$17,669.22. Among the more important accessions of the year, the following deserve mention: L'Art, 43 vols. 4to; Art and Letters, 12 vols. 4to; Bankers' Magazine (New York), 43 vols. 8vo; Bartsch, A., Le Peintre graveur, 22 vols. 8vo; Bibliothèque Elzevirienne, 159 vols. 12mo; Bibliothèque universelle, 481

vols. 8vo; Boullion, P., Musée des Antiques, 3 vols. fol.; Carderera. Iconografia Española, 2 vols. folio; Champlin, J. D., Cyclopædia of Music and Musicians, 3 vols. 4to; Ciappori, C., Les Arts somptuaires, 3 vols. 4to; Clarac. Musée de Sculpture, 12 vols. 8vo. and 4to; Codex Alexandrinus (facsimile) fol.; Coste P., Architecture arabe, fol.; Daille, E., L'Armée française, 2 vols fol.; Dibdin, T. F., Bibliographical Decameron, 3 vols. 8vo.; Dresden Gallery, 3 vols. fol.; Du Sommerard, A., Les Arts au Moyen Age, 11 vols. 8vo. and fol.; Ferrario, G., Il Costume antico e moderno, 34 vols. 8vo; Florence Gallery, 4 vols. fol.; Gerlach, M. S., Allegorien und Embleme, 2 vols. 4to; Die Graphischen Künste, 13 vols. 4to; Haghe, L., Sketches in Belgium and Germany, 3 vols. fol.; Hamerton, P. G., The Graphic Arts, 4to; Hefner-Alteneck. Trachten, Kunstwerke und Geräthschaften vom Mittelalter bis Ende des 18 Jahrhunderts, 10 vols. 4to; Jahrbücher der Königlich preussischen Kunstsammlungen, 11 vols. 4to; Jomard. Les Monuments de la Géographie, 2 vols. fol.; King, T. H., Study-Book of Mediæval Architecture, 4 vols. 4to; Labarte, J., Histoire des Arts industriels au Moyen Age, 6 vols. 4to and 8vo; Lechevallier-Chevignard. Costumes historiques, 2 vols. 4to; Lippmann, F. (Ed.), Engravings and Woodcuts by Old Masters, 2 vols. fol.; Mercuri et Bonnard. Costumes historiques, 3 vols. 4to; Musée français, 4 vols. fol.; Musée royal, 2 vols. fol.; Nordenskiöld, A. E., Facsimile Atlas of Early Cartography, fol.; Nuremberg Chronicle, 1493, fol.; One Hundred Masterpieces of Modern Painting, 2 vols. 4to; Philobiblon Society Publications, 15 vols. 8vo; Prisse d'Avennes. L'Art arabe, 3 vols. fol.; Quellen und Forschungen zur Sprachgeschichte der germanischen Völker, 66 vols. 8vo; Revue critique, 23 vols. 8vo; Revue historique, 35 vols. 8vo; Revue universelle des Mines, 67 vols. 8vo; Rosini, G., Storia della Pittura italiana, 9 vols. fol. and 8vo; Sheldon, G. W., Recent Ideals of American Art, 4to; Slade, F., Catalogue of the Slade Collection of Glass, 4to; Sotheby, S., Principia Typographica, 3 vols. 4to; Das Staatsarchiv, 54 vols. 8vo;

Stephens, G., *Old Runic Monuments*, 3 vols. 4to; *Tableaux historiques de la Révolution française*, 3 vols. fol.; *Vetusta Monumenta quæ ad Rerum Britannicarum*, 7 vols. fol.; Walton, *Chefs d'Œuvre de l'Exposition Universelle de Paris*, 1889, fol.; Weigel und Zestermann. *Anfänge der Buchdrucker-kunst*, 2 vols. 4to.

DONATIONS.

The number of volumes and pamphlets donated to the Library was 1,165 and 1,645 respectively. Various State and municipal institutions responded liberally to a circular letter requesting such of their reports and publications as were needed to complete imperfect sets in the Library. From the California Department of State were received 40 volumes and 2 pamphlets. The Chicago Health Department presented 360 volumes and 22 pamphlets. The Kansas State Department sent 21 volumes; the Maine State Library 52 volumes and 15 pamphlets; the Michigan State Library 30 volumes; the city of Milwaukee, 19 volumes; the New York State Library, 26 volumes; the Wisconsin Department of State, 53 volumes. The United States Government, through the departments in Washington, presented 210 volumes and 211 pamphlets. Dr. Samuel A. Green donated 13 volumes and 69 pamphlets; Mr. Paul Bessems, 13 volumes; Mr. A. Hauxhurst, 17 volumes; Dr. Samuel G. Willard, 64 volumes. A complete list of donors will be found in Appendix C.

BOOK-BORROWERS.

The present number of persons holding two-year cards which entitle them to draw books for home use is 43,749, an increase of 7,271 over the number reported last year, which was 36,478. This marked increase is due to the regulation in force since last October, permitting persons to obtain library cards at the Delivery Stations without calling at the main Library. Under this new system 6,839 cards were issued, chiefly to readers who had never enjoyed the privi-

leges of the Library. The total registration of the year was 23,815, of which 13,357 were males and 10,458 females. The registration of the previous year was 19,934.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The Circulating Department has been open for the delivery of books 306 days during the past year, and the number of volumes issued for home use during that period was 938,502, of which 294,880 were issued through the Delivery Stations. The daily average circulation was 3,095, an increase of 12.2 per cent. over the average of last year, which was 2,749. The total home circulation for 1890 was 843,971, and for 1889, 739,445. The largest number of books issued in any one day was 5,291, on February 24th, and the smallest number 1,727, on July 11th. The daily average evening circulation was 357. The amount received from fines was \$5,550.88, or \$497.13 more than was received from this source last year.

The following table shows the circulation and daily average, month by month, for the past two years:

1890-'91.				1889-'90.			
MONTH.	Days.	Circulation.	Daily Av'ge	MONTH.	Days.	Circulation.	Daily Av'ge
June	25	67,732	2,709	June.....	25	61,609	2,467
July	26	68,691	2,641	July.....	26	61,133	2,351
August. . .	26	70,786	2,722	August.....	27	64,134	2,375
September ..	26	65,072	2,503	September ..	25	60,513	2,420
October.....	27	72,409	2,682	October.....	27	68,406	2,533
November.....	24	73,668	3,069	November.....	25	69,254	2,770
December.....	26	79,915	3,330	December.....	25	69,350	2,774
January.....	26	91,164	3,506	January.....	26	80,078	3,080
February.....	23	85,876	3,734	February.....	23	75,341	3,275
March.....	26	96,423	3,708	March.....	27	85,481	3,288
April.....	26	88,749	3,413	April.....	26	75,064	2,887
May.....	25	78,017	3,121	May.....	26	71,272	2,741
Total.....	306	938,502	3,095	Total.....	307	841,635	2,746

DELIVERY STATIONS.

Six new Delivery Stations were established during the year, making the number now in operation twenty-four. Of these, six are located in the North Division, six in the South Division, and twelve in the West Division. The total issue of books from the twenty-four stations was 294,880 volumes, an increase of 94,623 over the report for 1890. Four delivery wagons are now required to carry the books to and from the stations, and two deliveries a day are made to each station, except those in Irving Park and Ravenswood. The location of each station, the number of books issued and the persons in charge are as follows:

STATIONS.	LOCATION.	IN CHARGE OF	ISSUES.
1 North...	349 Division street.....	R. E. Burke.....	19,865
2 "	199½ Center street.....	Mrs. W. L. Malone.....	18,937
3 "	500 Lincoln ave.....	E. M. Pope.....	9,764
4 "	Ravenswood	Historical Society.....	3,861
5 "	130 Fullerton ave.....	A. B. Wolf.....	3,984
6 "	341 Clybourn ave.....	Reading Room.....	538
1 West....	278 W. 12th street.....	Frank Kotzum.....	20,479
2 "	647 W. Indiana street....	Mrs. S. Imbrit.....	15,137
3 "	817 W. Madison street....	R. C. Holland.....	18,712
4 "	518 W. 18th street.....	Anton Janes.....	26,808
5 "	1204 Milwaukee ave.....	Reading Room.....	16,689
6 "	381 S. Western ave.....	Mrs. Mary Rooks.....	27,445
7 "	883 N. California ave....	Mrs. E. Ainsworth.....	13,761
8 "	4135 W. Lake street.....	E. Y. Horder.....	5,729
9 "	335 S. Halsted street....	Reading Room.....	749
10 "	405 W. Van Buren street..	Mrs. C. D. Shields.....	2,854
11 "	Irving Park.....	A. L. Adams & Co.....	5,101
12 "	1264 W. Madison street..	J. T. Sutor.....	2,338
1 South...	154 E. 22d street.....	P. V. Fitzpatrick.....	12,930
2 "	238 31st street.....	Geo. W. Boulton.....	21,885
3 "	3804 Cottage Grove ave...	Ma. Alex. Darrow.....	16,435
4 "	625 43d street.....	Reading Room.....	7,230
5 "	134 53d street.....	Reading Room.....	7,628
6 "	858 63d street.....	L. E. DeGarmo.....	16,043
			294,880

STATIONS.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.
1 N.	1,953	1,483	1,325	1,097	1,782	1,648	1,701	1,749	1,609	1,804	1,609	1,445
2 N.	1,049	881	902	904	1,265	1,596	1,848	1,967	1,930	2,281	2,283	2,031
3 N.	321	385	398	382	584	661	842	1,046	1,051	1,403	1,415	1,263
4 N.	223	256	258	253	304	318	320	370	347	400	410	393
5 N.	Ope ned		Dec. 1, '90	.....	.....	.....	331	626	640	763	791	833
6 N.	Ope ned		April 13, '91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	149	389
1 W.	1,500	1,544	1,471	1,437	1,490	1,464	1,602	1,706	1,657	2,064	2,311	2,224
2 W.	950	890	847	949	1,013	1,029	1,302	1,502	1,443	1,712	1,871	1,629
3 W.	1,358	1,111	1,063	1,236	1,486	1,629	1,672	1,793	1,730	1,963	1,944	1,727
4 W.	1,597	1,466	1,350	1,399	1,820	2,318	2,879	3,052	2,779	3,027	2,750	2,371
5 W.	1,017	810	859	979	1,193	619	1,215	1,873	1,912	2,276	2,145	1,791
6 W.	1,781	1,446	1,528	1,732	1,997	2,112	2,307	2,699	2,771	3,270	3,073	2,729
7 W.	933	714	760	834	958	1,078	1,198	1,336	1,406	1,681	1,836	1,317
8 W.	388	432	337	369	410	416	485	589	561	648	594	500
9 W.	Ope ned		Oct. 13, '90	3	69	85	126	102	102	129	121	114
10 W.	Ope ned		Oct. 13, '90	61	174	279	877	484	506	533	490	490
11 W.	Ope ned		Oct. 13, '90	94	563	685	862	719	804	736	608	608
12 W.	Ope ned		Feb. 24, '91	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	463	922	933	933
1 S.	1,035	884	822	861	1,069	1,203	1,203	1,227	1,147	1,268	1,193	1,018
2 S.	1,640	1,418	1,351	1,676	1,934	1,853	2,061	2,143	1,934	2,193	1,997	1,685
3 S.	1,085	771	843	1,051	1,152	1,204	1,346	1,673	1,776	1,991	1,919	1,624
4 S.	877	359	315	295	877	410	477	566	606	1,196	1,242	1,010
5 S.	196	219	259	260	410	467	583	727	926	1,072	1,262	1,245
6 S.	987	978	918	905	1,181	1,245	1,442	1,625	1,574	1,862	1,705	1,671
	18,390	16,047	15,606	17,220	20,542	22,106	25,853	29,643	29,074	34,776	34,571	31,052

CLASSIFICATION OF THE CIRCULATION.

The percentages of circulation of books for home use in each of the seven classes, compared with the reports of the five preceding years, is as follows:

	1891.	1890.	1889.	1888.	1887.	1886.
History and Biography.....	10.32	9.70	9.54	9.12	9.61	8.78
Voyages and Travels.....	5.10	4.63	4.56	4.40	4.37	4.25
Sciences and Arts.....	6.24	6.15	6.20	6.04	6.56	6.42
Poetry and Drama.....	3.72	3.12	3.82	3.40	3.97	4.03
English Prose Fiction and Juveniles	62.36	62.12	61.77	61.44	60.89	60.22
Books in Foreign Languages.....	10.16	11.75	11.25	12.32	10.70	12.05
Miscellaneous.....	2.10	2.53	2.86	2.29	3.90	4.06

There has been a noticeable increase in the demand for books in the classes of History, Biography and Travels, and a marked decrease in the circulation of books in foreign languages.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The number of visitors to the Reference Department was 98,964, who consulted 326,619 volumes. Compared with the statistics of the previous year, these figures show a slight decrease both in the number of readers and in the number of books used. The classification of the books used was as follows: Arts and Sciences, 16.24 per cent.; History and Biography, 16.49 per cent.; Bound Periodicals and Transactions of Societies, 17.08 per cent.; Geography and Travels, 9.7 per cent.; Encyclopædias and Dictionaries, 5.27 per cent.; Atlases and Statistics, 2.23 per cent.; Public Documents, 2.44 per cent.; Bibliography, 2.58 per cent.; Miscellaneous, 18.71 per cent.

The statistics of this department for the past two years are as follows:

MONTH.	1890-'91.		MONTH.	1889-90.	
	Visitors.	Volumes.		Visitors.	Volumes.
June.....	5,115	19,302	June.....	6,973	20,410
July.....	4,194	17,016	July.....	6,099	17,586
August.....	6,169	21,494	August.....	6,860	22,303
September....	6,831	24,414	September....	7,234	22,533
October.....	8,460	29,362	October.....	8,369	25,759
November....	8,290	28,723	November....	9,860	30,595
December....	9,189	30,313	December....	8,794	27,922
January..	11,788	39,114	January.....	10,972	35,446
February....	10,960	34,459	February....	10,167	33,803
March.....	10,592	33,435	March.....	11,303	38,602
April.....	9,227	24,881	April.....	8,738	27,963
May.....	8,090	24,106	May.....	7,690	28,891
Total. ...	98,964	326,619	Total....	104,059	331,813

PATENT AND MEDICAL DEPARTMENTS.

The number of visitors to the Patent Department was 6,307, who consulted 19,472 volumes. The collection of patent reports was increased during the year by the addition of 96 volumes of the British reports, presented by the commissioners. The set of French reports was brought down to 1888 by the purchase of the volumes covering the years 1884 to 1887. From the United States Patent Office were regularly received the specifications and drawings issued by our own government.

The Medical Reference Department was closed July 1890, and the books, consisting chiefly of donations from various medical societies, were transferred to the Newberry Library. At the close of last year the number of medical books in the Library was 3,771. Of these, 458 were retained in the Circulating Department, and the remainder, together with 3,270 volumes of miscellaneous medical magazines and duplicates, and 4,550 pamphlets, were turned over to the Newberry Library. In the printed transactions of the Board for June 14, 1890, is given a full report, by the Library Committee, of the history of this transfer.

The number of visitors and the use of books in the Patent Room has been as follows:

MONTH.	1890-'91.		MONTH.	1889-'90.	
	Visitors.	Volumes.		Visitors.	Volumes.
June... ..	378	1,081	June.....	511	1,616
July.....	402	1,008	July.....	484	1,201
August.....	455	1,353	August... ..	537	1,367
September....	488	1,503	September....	567	1,687
October.....	588	1,724	October.....	548	1,619
November....	569	1,674	November....	435	1,243
December....	641	2,091	December....	438	1,369
January.....	627	2,081	January.....	497	1,548
February.....	513	1,679	February.....	445	1,878
March.....	614	1,875	March.....	521	1,850
April.....	665	2,017	April.....	514	1,628
May.....	527	1,436	May.....	455	1,295
Total....	6,307	19,472	Total.....	5,952	18,319

READING ROOM.

The Reading Room was open to the public 361 days during the past year. The total attendance was 492,837, a daily average of 1,364. The average Sunday attendance was 738. The issues of periodicals numbered 439,243, a daily average of 1,217. The number of serials on file was increased from 587 to 662. Of these, 468 are periodicals, 69 daily newspapers, and 125 weekly and special newspapers. Of American publications there are 348, English 129, German 86, French 20, Scandinavian 42, other languages 37. There were donated to the Library 197 of the serials on file, and 465 were bought. A complete list of the donations is given in Appendix C. The amount expended for periodicals and newspapers was \$2,966.95. The statistics of attendance for each month during the past two years are as follows:

MONTH.	1890-'91.			MONTH.	1889-90.		
	Visitor.	Periodicals Issued.	Av. Sunday Vis.		Visitors.	Periodicals Issued.	Av. Sunday Vis.
June.....	25,526	22,656	436	June.....	29,697	26,378	573
July.....	24,551	22,077	504	July.....	26,952	24,144	409
August....	29,843	26,975	515	August....	28,619	25,665	447
September..	33,707	30,075	643	September..	30,533	27,187	518
October....	37,436	33,267	754	October....	34,959	31,114	721
November...	38,436	34,097	789	November..	37,675	33,317	704
December...	44,084	39,326	823	December..	37,788	33,298	702
January.....	51,523	45,789	904	January....	46,972	41,171	710
February...	54,432	48,480	970	February...	45,539	39,939	822
March.....	61,353	54,516	975	March.....	47,666	41,608	783
April.....	51,442	45,619	785	April.....	37,431	33,201	683
May.....	40,504	36,366	756	May.....	32,581	32,170	586
Total....	492,837	439,243	738	Total....	436,412	389,192	638

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

An important feature in the extension of the usefulness of the Library during the year has been the establishment of branch reading rooms in various sections of the city. The first of these rooms was opened to the public on December

1st, 1890, and three others have been established at short intervals since that time. A fifth room which is now being fitted up will be ready for occupancy about July 1st. The four rooms now in operation are located in large well lighted stores, which have been leased by the Library for a period of three years. Each room has been furnished with the necessary tables, chairs, file-cases, etc., and has accommodations for from 75 to 100 readers. A carefully selected list of about 75 periodicals and a small collection of standard reference books, to which additions will be made as the demand may warrant, are kept in each room. The rooms, which also serve as branches of the delivery station system, are open to the public from 9 A. M. to 10 P. M. daily, Sundays and holidays included. It is estimated that the annual cost of maintenance of each of these reading rooms will be about \$2,500, which expenditure will include salaries of two attendants, rent, light, heat, and periodicals. The location of the rooms in the order of their establishment, the number of serials on file, the average monthly attendance and use of periodicals, and the average Sunday attendance is as follows:

No.	LOCATION.	Serials on file.	Monthly Average.		Attendance. Sunday Average
			Attendance.	Serials Issued.	
I.	1204 Milwaukee Ave., near North Ave.	86	4,719	4,973	52
II.	625 43d Street, Town of Lake.	69	1,840	3,433	39
III.	341 Clybourn Ave, near North Ave.	73	1,715	3,226	43
VI.	134 53d Street, Hyde Park.	61	1,708	*	20

*No record is kept of the issues of serials in the Hyde Park Reading Room as readers have direct access to the file cases.

FINDING LIST.

Three sixteen-page bulletins containing the titles of new accessions were issued during the year. Of the revised edition of the finding lists the following additional parts have

been published: Poetry, Drama, Essays and Miscellanies, Collected Works, Supplement to English Prose Fiction, French, Scandinavian, Spanish, Portuguese, and Dutch languages. The part containing Language and Literature, Ancient Classics, Bibliography and Periodicals, is now in press. Other parts are in preparation and the entire work is rapidly approaching completion. The amount derived from the sale of finding lists and bulletins was \$650.58.

THE LIBRARY AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The number of volumes drawn from the Library for the use of the pupils in the higher grades of the Public Schools was 3,746, an increase of 1,410 over the preceding year. The principals of the following schools availed themselves of this privilege: Anderson, Brainard, Burr, Dunning, Hammond, Sheridan, Sulzer, Washington, Wentworth, Cook County Normal, Hyde Park High School, Jefferson High School, Calumet High School, and the West Division High School.

ADMINISTRATION.

There are regularly employed in the day service at the main Library fifty persons, and twelve in the evening service. In the four branch reading rooms eight persons are employed. Seven substitutes are in the day service, and three in the evening service. With six janitors, one night watchman, one electrician, and one expressman, the total number of persons in the employ of the Library is eighty-nine. The amount expended for salaries was \$51,440.54.

BINDING.

The number of books sent to the binderies was 15,190, against 13,775 for the previous year. The amount expended for binding was \$6,786.41. There were repaired by the Library attendants during the year 14,875 books.

ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

The annual inventory, which, as heretofore, was made without closing the Library, shows 134 books unaccounted for. Of these, 78 are English prose fiction and juvenile books, and 56 in all other classes. Of the 144 books unaccounted for last year, 26 have since been found; 6 of the missing books of previous years have also reappeared during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
FREDERICK H. HILD,
Librarian.

APPENDIX A (1).

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FROM 1875 TO 1882.

	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.
Books in the Library.....	39,286	49,024	51,409	57,984	60,423	67,772	77,140	87,272
Total Accessions.....	21,053	10,251	3,839	7,876	4,287	8,440	11,920	11,088
Purchased.....	20,122	8,056	2,441	6,544	3,010	7,799	9,814	9,891
Donated.....	969	2,195	958	1,332	1,277	641	2,106	1,947
Expended for.....	\$ 28,410 63	\$ 10,784 19	\$ 2,504 17	\$ 9,078 06	\$ 2,907 24	\$ 7,404 52	\$ 10,843 72	\$ 10,082 62
Worn out.....	38	463	1,016	1,301	1,848	1,137	2,502	906
Unaccounted for.....	322	421	290	186	210	160	281	297
Pamphlets, Accessions of.....	1,944	354	282	419	1,087	487	848	2,188
New Registration of Book Borrowers.....	20,710	9,843	6,334	11,831	9,130	9,80	10,906	10,241
Circulation of Books.....	393,156	405,747	398,090	354,506	368,428	308,751	352,801	349,977
Daily Average.....	1,813	1,366	1,801	1,186	1,205	1,002	1,161	1,144
Largest issue in one day.....	2,539	2,631	2,501	3,809	2,839	2,176	2,421	2,358
Smallest issue in one day.....	329	698	782	572	662	613	626	676
Received for Fines.....	\$ 2,648 72	\$ 2,881 44	\$ 2,710 64	\$ 1,989 57	\$ 1,882 70	\$ 1,775 72	\$ 2,064 35	\$ 2,169 18
Reading Room, Periodicals on File.....	288	286	220	210	228	221	241	252
Newspapers on File.....	80	104	91	98	118	128	120	124
Visitors.....	236,021	228,795	199,760	181,052	186,838	189,536	302,796	366,118
Periodicals Issued.....	135,855	138,954	127,423	115,275	119,547	124,597	184,617	199,471
Sunday Readers—Average.....	560	360	286	280	290	297	688	1,090
Cost of Serials.....	\$ 1,915 94	\$ 2,900 55	\$ 1,495 14	\$ 1,277 28	\$ 1,635 52	\$ 1,705 54	\$ 1,677 66	\$ 1,384 84
Reference Department Visitors.....	.....	6,528	8,975	16,916	20,214	23,105	32,340	88,484
Issues.....	.....	18,288	15,790	37,498	68,691	68,115	97,564	117,074
Binding, Cost of.....	\$ 1,991 80	\$ 4,856 57	\$ 2,938 25	\$ 2,723 55	\$ 3,984 02	\$ 2,167 01	\$ 3,364 65	\$ 3,848 82
Amount paid for Salaries.....	\$ 15,545 00	\$ 14,705 20	\$ 11,972 47	\$ 13,374 90	\$ 13,571 00	\$ 14,569 00	\$ 17,698 86	\$ 20,858 92

APPENDIX A (2). SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FROM 1883 TO 1891.

	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.
Books in the Library.....	94,616	106,841	111,621	119,510	120,129	138,902	149,156	156,242	166,475
Total Accessions ...	9,416	12,972	6,896	10,699	11,362	13,287	12,795	10,908	20,078
Purchased.. ..	8,065	11,799	5,692	8,245	9,700	10,124	11,714	10,078	16,296
Donated.....	1,351	1,173	1,114	2,354	1,685	3,189	1,081	835	1,165
Expended for	\$ 10,814 52	\$ 12,905 86	\$ 6,899 14	\$ 9,405 38	\$ 10,439 19	\$ 12,124 76	\$ 15,933 08	\$ 11,148 66	\$ 17,669 22
Worn out	2,082	1,287	698	1,816	784	2,988	2,090	3,507	4,166
Unaccounted for....	383	775	362	292	85	81	132	144	184
Pamphlets, Accessions of.	1,442	604	8,201	1,827	2,644	12,373	3,831	1,635	1,873
New Reg'n of Book Bor's.	11,174	12,609	13,297	13,845	15,383	15,862	16,544	19,934	23,815
Circulation of Books.....	376,475	429,313	519,691	608,708	626,825	709,527	749,445	843,971	938,502
Daily Average.....	1,259	1,474	1,704	2,040	2,263	2,311	2,465	2,830	3,095
Largest issue, one day	2,654	3,317	3,720	3,897	4,808	3,967	4,760	6,272	6,291
Smallest " "	637	694	1,007	1,221	1,360	1,093	1,526	1,720	1,727
Received for Fines...	\$ 2,220 26	\$ 2,954 32	\$ 3,088 00	\$ 3,673 44	\$ 3,444 63	\$ 4,053 33	\$ 4,192 72	\$ 4,853 75	\$ 5,350 88
R. R. Periodicals on File..	265	284	328	325	342	337	394	890	468
Newspapers on File.	123	141	148	156	122	152	179	197	294
Visitors.....	543,456	603,302	623,245	655,816	184,947	237,357	341,814	436,412	492,837
Periodicals issued ...	264,640	285,422	282,613	501,305	205,619	264,622	323,365	389,192	439,243
Sunday Read's—Av.	1,587	1,705	1,630	1,743	396	392	496	638	788
Cost of Serials.....	\$ 2,158 28	\$ 1,797 72	\$ 1,941 93	\$ 1,441 84	\$ 1,803 31	\$ 1,179 15	\$ 2,308 97	\$ 2,174 83	\$ 2,966 95
Reference Dept's Visitors.	42,734	69,696	57,690	68,498	79,345	101,714	117,810	108,059	98,964
Issues.....	194,408	175,360	145,652	157,345	208,470	251,310	328,765	331,813	326,619
Binding, Cost of	\$ 2,814 49	\$ 3,356 61	\$ 3,618 01	\$ 4,206 54	\$ 3,760 18	\$ 4,744 35	\$ 4,941 44	\$ 5,280 42	\$ 6,786 41
Amount paid for Salaries.	22,466 58	25,159 43	28,630 77	32,202 76	37,621 98	37,878 36	41,353 00	45,919 61	51,440 54
DELIVERY STATIONS.									
Books Issued.....	.....	.....	65,271	108,893	123,033	136,682	152,006	201,257	294,890

APPENDIX B.

LIST OF DONORS.

	VOLS.	PAMP.
Aberdeen. Scotland, Public Library.....	..	I
Adams, Hon. George E.....	12	..
Altenheim Frauen-Verein	I	..
American Academy of Political and Social Science.....	..	I
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.....	..	2
American Economic Association.....	..	I
American Institute of Mining Engineers.....	I	..
American Ornithologists' Union .....	..	I
American Sabbath Tract Society.....	..	I
American Veterinary College, N. Y.....	..	I
Amherst College.....	..	4
Andover Theological Seminary.....	..	I
Archæological Institute of America, Wisconsin Society of. ....	..	I
Arentz, Reidar	I	..
Association of American Physicians.....	I	..
Atlanta, Ga., Y. M. C. A.....	..	I
Baer, Joseph, Paris.....	2	..
Ball, T. H., Crown Point, Ind.....	I	..
Bangor Public Library.....	..	I
Barker, Geo. W.....	I	2
Barrows, John H.....	..	I
Battersea, Public Library.....	..	I
Belford-Clarke Co.....	I	..
Beloit College.....	..	I
Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, Boston.....	..	10
Berliner Frauer-Verein.....	..	I
Bessems, Paul.....	13	..
Bigelow Free Library, Clinton, Mass. ....	..	I
Birmingham, Eng., Free Libraries Committee.....	..	2
Bishop, S. S., M. D.....	..	2
Bitner, H.....	..	3
Blatchford, E. W.....	..	2
Bodleian Library, Oxford.....	..	I
Boston and Maine R. R.....	I	..

Boston, Associated Charities.....	7
Boston Board of Aldermen.....	7
Boston Board of Education.....	9 ..
Boston Board of Police Commissioners.....	2 4
Boston, City Auditor	5 ..
Boston City Hospital.....	1 ..
Boston, City of	4 ..
Boston, City Registrar.....	18
Boston, Directors of Public Institutions.....	17
Boston Dispensary.....	1
Boston Fire Department	4
Boston Home for Aged Men.....	18
Boston Industrial Aid Society.....	5
Boston Library Bureau.....	1
Boston Museum of Fine Arts.	28
Boston Overseers of the Poor.....	14
Boston Port and Seamen's Aid Society.....	10
Boston Provident Association.....	10
Boston School Committee	13 ..
Bowdoin College.....	1
Howes, James L., Liverpool.....	1
Boutell, L. H.....	1 ..
Boutwell, F. M.....	1
Bridgeport, Conn., Public Library.....	2
Brighton Public Library.....	1
Bronson Library Fund, Waterbury, Conn.....	2
Brookline, Mass., Public Library.....	1
Brooklyn, N. Y., Library.....	2
Brownell, T. Frank, N. Y.....	1
Brymner, Douglas, Ottawa, Ont.....	1 ..
Buenos Aires, Biblioteca Nacional.....	4 ..
Buffalo Historical Society	2
Buffalo Library.....	2
Bunker Hill Monument Association.....	2 ..
Bureau of American Republics.....	1 ..
California Department of State.....	40 2
California State Library.....	1 ..
California State Mining Bureau.....	1 ..
California University.....	2 9
Canada Geological and Natural History Survey.....	2
Canadian Pacific R. R.....	1
Carter, James C	1
Cardiff, Wales, County Borough Library.....	1
Charles, Geo. B.....	2 5
Chicago Art Institute.....	4

Chicago Board of Education.....	4	..
Chicago Board of Trade.....	2	..
Chicago Bureau of Justice	2
Chicago Citizens' Association.....	..	3
Chicago, City of.....	..	1
Chicago City Comptroller.....	2	1
Chicago College of Law.....	..	1
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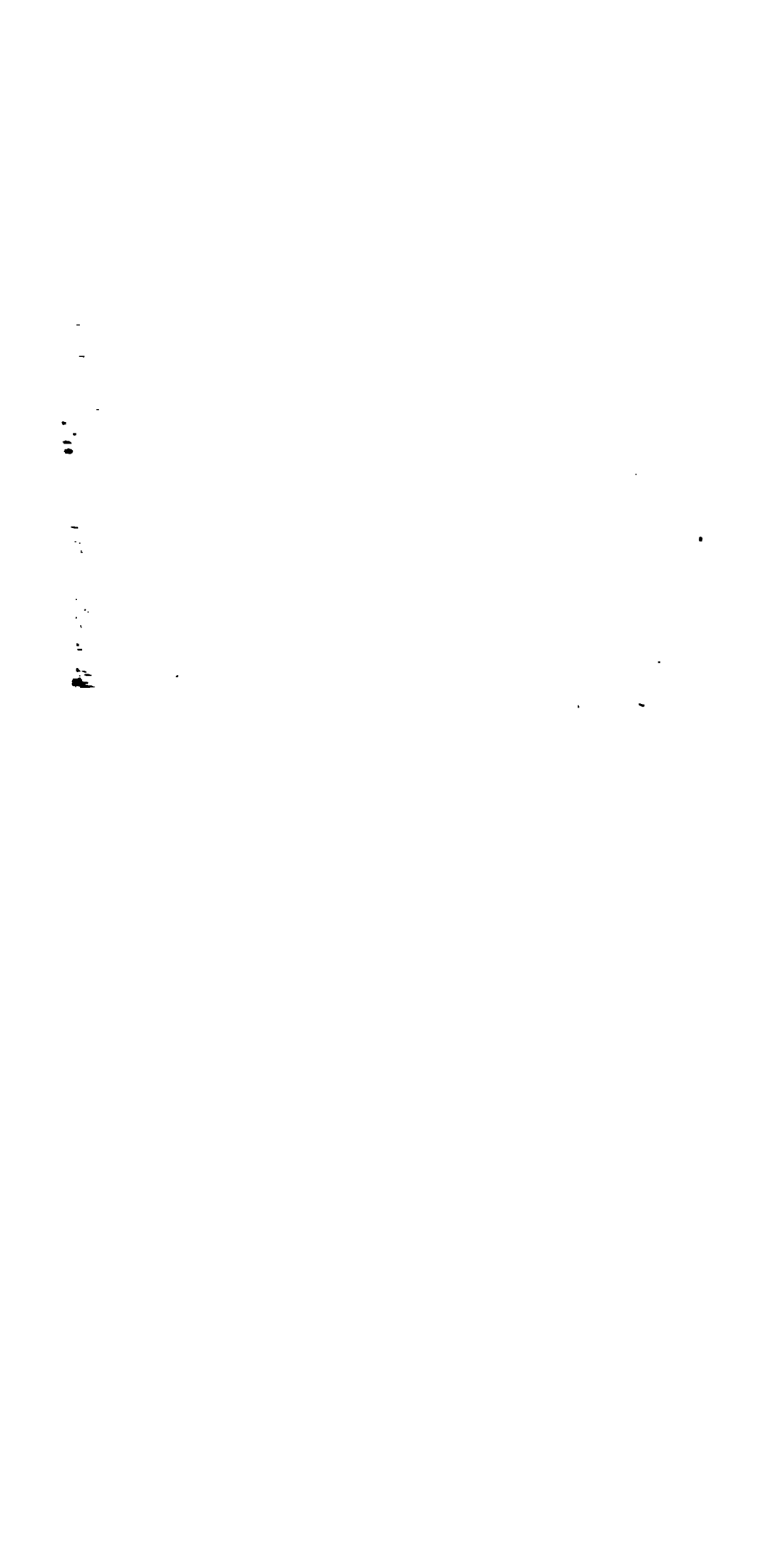
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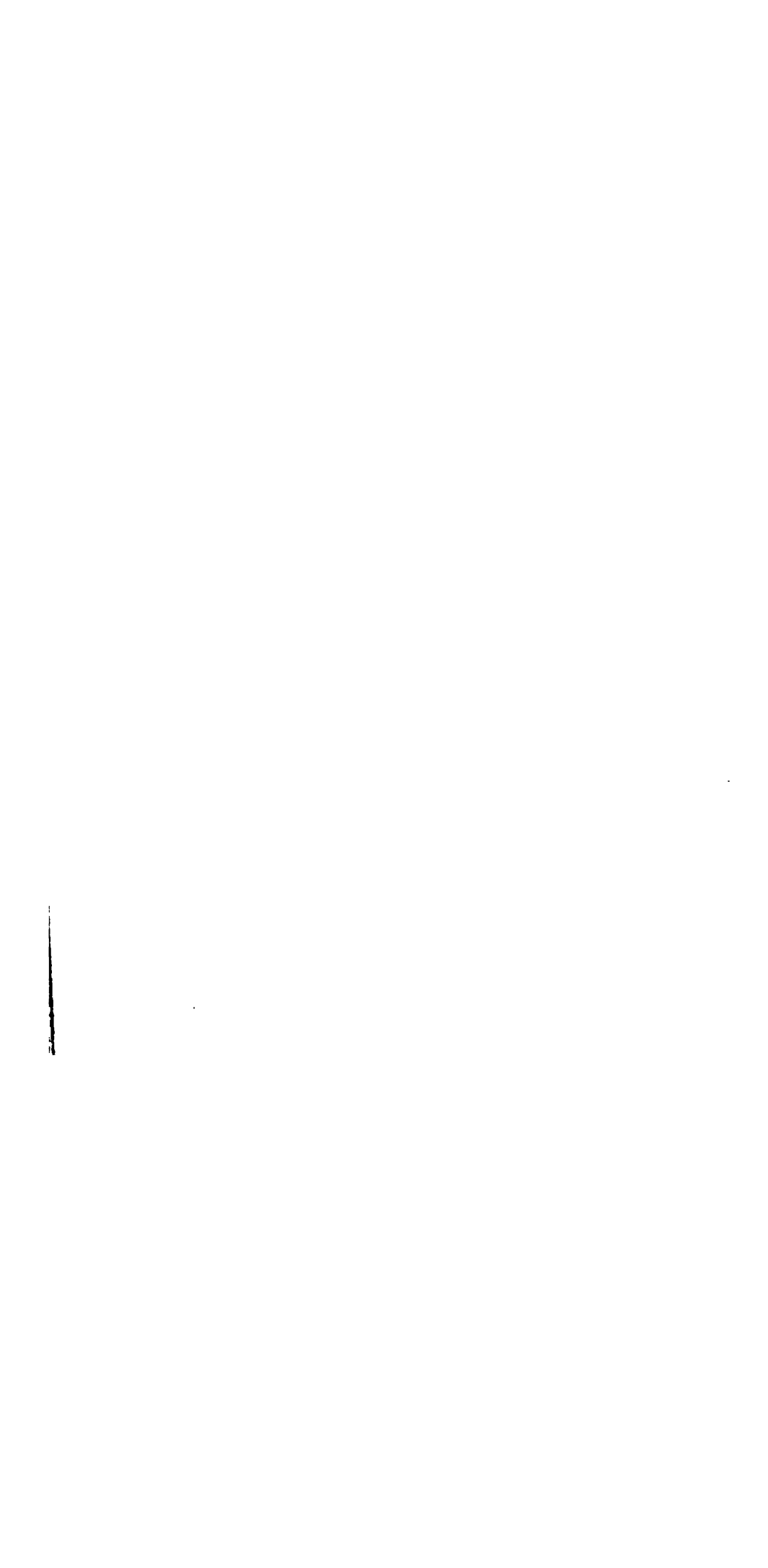
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*HAYES, SAM'L S.....	1872-1875	SHORTALL, JOHN G.....	1886-1892
HIRSCH, EMIL G.....	1888-1894	SMITH, PLINY B.....	1888-1894
HOTZ, DR. F. C.....	1875-1881	SMITH, ROBERT J.....	1890-1893
*HOYNE, THOS.....	1872-1875	SMITH, SIDNEY.....	1877-1879
HYNES, WM. J.....	1881-1887	SPRAGUE, OTHO S. A....	1878-1881
KADLEC, L. W.....	1880-1889	*SWAZEY, DR. ARTHUR....	1885-1887
KASPAR, WM.....	1889-1894	UMBDENSTOCK, MICHAEL..	1887-1890
KENT, WM. D.....	1888-1889	WALKER, DR. J. B.....	1875-1883
LOEWENTHAL, B.....	1875-1882	*WELLS, WM. H.....	1882-1885
MACMILLAN, T. C.....	1882-1887	WILLIAMS, NORMAN.....	1887-1889
MANNHARDT, EMIL.....	1885-1888	*WOODARD, WILLARD....	1872-1874
MASON, GEORGE.....	1874-1880		

*Deceased.

SHEAHAN, JAS. W., Acting Secretary from April 11 to July 20,
1872.

WICKERSHAM, W. B., Secretary since July 20, 1872.

POOLE, WM. F., LL. D., Librarian from Oct. 25, 1873, to
Aug. 1, 1887.

HILD, FREDERICK H., Librarian since Oct. 15, 1887.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

Librarian: FREDERICK H. HILD.

Secretary: WILLIAM B. WICKERSHAM.

Assistant Librarians:

E. F. L. GAUSS, *First Assistant.*

ELIZABETH A. YOUNG,

KATE M. HENNEBERRY.

Library Assistants:

BENJ. M. SMITH, *Sup't of Day Service.*

J. RITCHIE PATTERSON,
WM. A. PURER,
REIDAR ARENTZ,
JOHN F. PHELAN,
CARRIE L. ELLIOTT,
LILYAN G. MORAWSKI,
MAY BOSTETTER,
OTILIE GOLDBERGER,
MAY I. CARROLL,
OTTO GOLDBERGER,
MARGARET KEARNEY,
HATTIE HYDE,
FRANK E. WASKA,
HENRIETTA LOVI,
ANNA FITZGERALD,
VIRGINIA SHERWOOD,
EMILY A. KOUPAL,
AMELIA M. PLATT,
AMANDA DIEHL,
CARL B. RODEN,
HENRY G. WILSON,
JESSIE BOOTH,
CHAS. R. BARNES.

THOMAS B. MARTENS,
STEPHANIE SKORAZINSKA,
EMMA ROMMEISS,
MARY M. HISHEN,
JOHN E. KOSTKA,
AGNES COLEMAN,
JOHN E. DVORAK,
MONTANA STOVER,
HENRIETTA ENRIGHT,
KATHARINE DONOVAN,
MARGARET CRAIN,
SADIE CAMERON,
HELENA KNIEPCKE,
EMANUEL HOLY,
FRANK SCHMIDT,
EDWARD HENWOOD,
CHAS. A. LARSON,
WALTER L. HICKEY,
ROB'T F. MEISSNER,
LIONEL OHNSTEIN,
LAMAR MIDDLETON,
J. J. MCCARTHY,
CHRISTIAN SONNE,

JOHN TOMAN.

Evening Attendants:

ALBERT E. NICKERSON, *Sup't.*
CHARLES LHOTKA,
WILLIAM S. NEWBERGER,
VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN,
AUGUST J. C. TIMM,
JOHN A. BARRON,

ALBERT POLLAK,
HARLOW A. LEEKLEY,
W. W. ATWOOD,
GEO. H. DUNKLE,
ALBERT BERNSTEIN,
JULIUS H. P. GAUSS.

Branch Reading Rooms:

No. 1. SAM'L ROGALSKI, *Sup't.*
ALBERT GLOPPEN, *Ass't.*

No. 2. J. C. BARBEE, *Sup't.*
EDW. KIRSCH, *Ass't.*

No. 3. CHAS. A. LANGE, *Sup't.*
HERMANN PERZ, *Ass't.*

No. 4. WILL. L. McRAE, *Sup't.*
MARY E. REMMER, *Ass't.*

No. 5. JOHN A. YOUNG, *Sup't.*
HYMAN GOLDBERG, *Ass't.*

Fanilors:

NEWTON S. PURVIANCE,
EMIL SCHÖNBACHER,
IDA MORRISSETTE,

HENRY J. SEIDSCHECK,
CHAS. F. JACKSON,
FREDRIKA HENRIKSEN.

Night Watchman: A. S. EINSTEIN.

Electrician: EDWARD MARTIN.

Expressman for Delivery Stations: MORRIS ROSENSTOK.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
DIRECTORS OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY
COUNCIL:

Gentlemen: Since the presentation to your Honorable Body of the last annual report of the affairs of the Chicago Public Library, its Board of Directors is gratified to be able to show the continued increase in the value and use of the Library, in all its departments, by the public. Since the date of that report (June 1, 1891), 10,703 volumes have been added, making a total of 177,178 volumes in the Library, and the increase of use has been fully commensurate with this growth.

The establishment of Branch Reading Rooms, in addition to our Delivery Stations, in convenient places within the city, has proved to be a most popular and useful undertaking. The Branch Reading Rooms have been furnished with a useful and large set of books for purposes of reference, which may be and are there consulted by their patrons, while such periodicals are kept on file as suit the character of the neighborhood in which the respective rooms are located. In the work of replacing attractions of a baser kind by those of a higher order, the Library has in this quiet manner taken an effective part; and the Board is convinced that in course of years it will be found that these Reading Rooms must be credited with being among the most efficient of the agencies working for the better life in this community. The Reference Rooms of the main Library, as well as these Branch Reading Rooms, being open to the public on holidays

and Sundays, offer the most admirable inducements for the promotion of quiet study and intellectual recreation to all who choose to take advantage of them.

While the character of the Library as a public institution intended to meet the wants of all classes of our population, has been steadily kept in view in the purchases of books, it is a matter of no small gratification to the Board of Directors, as it must also be to all citizens, that our collection has begun to be noticed by scholars and authors, who have found our Library, in several departments, to be so fully equipped as to place at their disposal, for purposes of original research, the fullest material in their respective lines of investigation. In this connection it may be mentioned, that in the course of its accessions, the Library has succeeded in bringing together almost a complete collection on the history of the Civil War, which perhaps has not its equal anywhere in this, and surely not in any foreign country. The department on the French Revolution is another which is very rich in rare books; as are also the departments on Genealogy, the Fine Arts and Architecture, and that on the history of Dress and Costumes. Our collection of periodicals in many languages, and of transactions of learned societies, is perhaps not equaled anywhere in this country, and may well challenge comparison with the larger libraries of Europe.

Our whole circulation amounted to 2,115,386 books and periodicals, of which 1,014,331 were issued for home use. For further figures showing in detail this growth and use, we beg to refer you to the reports of our Secretary and Librarian, attached hereto.

The bequest of \$10,000 by Rev. William H. Ryder has been continued at interest, and now amounts to \$10,953.58.

The bequest of Mr. Hiram Kelly (estimated at over \$125,000), will come to the Library in time — the estate being in process of administration — and will doubtless be found, as we are informed, to materially exceed the sum named.

On the 16th of September last, the Committee on Buildings and Grounds of the Library presented to the Board of Directors its report, showing the satisfactory conclusion of negotiations with the representatives of the Soldiers' Home in Chicago, for

the setting apart of the necessary space for a Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Hall, and smaller halls and ante-rooms, to be leased at a nominal rental for fifty years (with reversion to the Library) to the Grand Army Hall and Memorial Association of Illinois, under the instruction of your Honorable Body's direction in this behalf, and the selection of architects to compete for the design of the building to be erected, and other related matter, which report was approved by the Board.

On the 26th of September there was issued by the Board, on the recommendation of the same Committee, a circular containing information and direction to architects competing, based upon the knowledge of your Directors, after due consultation with many persons informed upon this matter; this circular was sent to all architects who signified their desire to join in the competition, as well as to the five firms of architects selected by the Board and requested expressly to join in it.

On October 24th, your Board of Directors directed the purchase from the Soldiers' Home in Chicago, of all its right, title and interest in and to the north one-quarter of the Public Library site, granted to said Soldiers' Home by the Thirty-sixth General Assembly, which purchase was subsequently completed and the deed of the premises delivered to and accepted by this Board.

On the 2nd of January, 1892, the designs of architects for the new building were sent in, to the number of thirteen. These plans, with the architect's name covered and a simple number substituted (the Secretary having been directed to have this change made, and to withhold all information as to the authorship of the plans, as well from the members of this Board as from the public), were hung up in the Library, and the public invited to inspect them, special invitation having been sent by the Board to many citizens. The plans left thus exposed to the public for criticism were examined by many persons, until the 2nd of February following, when the Board proceeded to their consideration, which consideration was carried on from time to time, until the 13th of February, when the design of Messrs. Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge was, on the recommendation of the Committee and upon the Board's inspection of all plans in competition, finally adopted.

Since then, the Board has vigorously pushed the necessary preparations for the erection of the contemplated edifice. The advice of Gen. Wm. Sooy Smith was at once procured, and under his direction a series of tests of the ground was made, with a view to enable the architects and the Board to decide on the best plan for securing the strongest foundation for the structure. The work has now proceeded far enough for the Board to advertise for bids for excavations and piling. We beg leave to refer to the annual report of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, hereunto appended, for further details relating to the erection of the new Library Building.

Thus we have, after many years of effort, secured the site for our Library Building, and taken the necessary steps to the construction of an edifice worthy of our city, and of the noble use to which it is destined.

We desire, in conclusion, to express our indebtedness to the Librarian and his assistants, and to the Secretary, and, indeed, to all connected with the Library service, for their assiduous devotion to its interests during the past year.

We feel justified in saying that never in the history of the Library has it been in more successful operation, or upon a more agreeable, solid and permanent foundation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

[Signed] JOHN G. SHORTALL, *President.*
EMIL G. HIRSCH,
BERNHARD MOOS,
PLINY B. SMITH,
WILLIAM KASPAR,
EDWARD S. DREYER,
WILLIAM P. REND,
ROBERT J. SMITH,
AZEL F. HATCH,

Board of Directors.

CHICAGO, June 11, 1892.

APPENDIX.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds, in accordance with the requirements of your by-laws, hereby submits its annual report.

By the change of your by-laws, made a year ago, your Committee, having been increased from three to five members, became the successor of your Special Committee on Future Library Building, and took charge of all matters relating to the new Library Building. At a meeting of the Board, held Sept. 16, 1891, it reported the final acceptance of a set of interior plans, and recommended the appointment of five competing architects. At the meeting of the Board, held Sept. 26th, 1891, your Committee reported certain information and instructions for the guidance of competing architects, providing that the drawings must be in the office of your Secretary, by 12 M., Jan. 2, 1892.

On Jan. 5, 1892, a special meeting of the Board was held, and thirteen designs submitted by competing architects were opened and referred to your Committee for consideration. After many meetings and serious consideration, they adopted design No. 1, made by Messrs. Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge, and at a meeting of the Board, held Feb. 13, 1892, the Board ratified the action of your Committee. Contracts were then made with Messrs. Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge, as Architects of your new building, and also with Mr. Nicolas E. Weydert, as Superintendent,

since which time preliminary work has steadily progressed. Your Committee also engaged the assistance of Gen. Wm. Sooy Smith, as Engineer for the foundations. After a very careful boring and testing of the ground, he submitted his report, which we have already handed to you.

Estimates on the cost of the building, carefully made by your Superintendent, have also been submitted by us, and there remains nothing now but to proceed with the construction of the building, by the advertisement for bids.

Your Committee believes that it has proceeded very carefully, in everything pertaining to the preliminary work relating to the design and construction of your building, and it is with pride that it calls your attention to the cost of these preliminary proceedings, it having amounted, up to date, to about \$5,034.16, a less cost, we believe, than can be shown at this stage in the erection of any public building of like magnitude.

Your Superintendent, Mr. Weydert, has shown you that for the amount of \$700,000, and with proper despatch, the new building should be under roof as early as the month of August, 1893. This amount being at your disposal, your Committee can assure you that it will do all that is possible for it to do in the discharge of its duties, to bring the building to that stage of completion by the time indicated by your Superintendent, and your Committee hopes that in May, 1893, it will be enabled to report to you satisfactory progress toward that result.

In regard to the work of caring for your present rooms and property, it is the policy of your Committee to provide only the most necessary appliances and needed repairs, and endeavor to properly store and care for the books until the completion of the new Library Building.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signed] BERNHARD MOOS,
AZEL F. HATCH,
R. J. SMITH,
E. S. DREYER,
W. P. REND,

Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

CHICAGO, May 28, 1892.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

PUBLIC LIBRARY,
CHICAGO, JUNE 11, 1892.

*To the President and Board of Directors of the Chicago
Public Library:*

GENTLEMEN:—As required by the seventh section of the Act of the General Assembly, under which the Library is established and maintained, I beg to submit the following financial and statistical statements for the year ended May 31, 1892:

THE LIBRARY FUND.

Maintenance Account.

Dr.

To Balance June 1, 1891,	
Fund of 1879 and prior years (un-	
available)	\$ 23,534 44
Fund of 1891	131,495 21
Error in Vouchers "U" 143 and 254	79
Voucher "V" 70, deposited back	29 50
Appropriation by City Council,	
March, 1892	113,199 00
Miscellaneous Receipts, from June 1,	
1891, to May 31, 1892	7,012 67
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	\$251,767 17

Cr.

By Freight and Expressage	\$ 330 24
Postage	425 11

Books lost and paid for, found, and money refunded.....	129 17	
Salaries.....	57,717 09	
Books.....	15,785 44	
Binding.....	7,079 85	
Newspapers and Periodicals.....	3,410 95	
Printing and Stationery.....	1,857 29	
Heat and Light.....	6,335 39	
Delivery Stations.....	11,606 53	
Finding Lists.....	535 39	
Incidental Expense.....	1,881 37	
Furniture and Fixtures.....	1,856 99	
Branch Reading Room Rent.....	2,946 07	
Insurance.....	73 00	
Total for Maintenance of Library.....	\$111,969 88	
Uncollected Taxes for 1890.....	3,123 11	\$115,092 99
Balance for Maintenance of Library, June 1, 1892.....		\$136,674 18

*Building Account.**Dr.*

To Appropriation for 1891.....	\$329,031 00	
" " " 1892.....	400,000 00	
		\$729,031 00

Cr.

By Miscellaneous Expenses.....	\$ 1,210 62	
Preliminary drawings and competitive plans.....	4,188 13	
Salary of Superintendent of Building.....	999 99	\$ 6,398 74
Balance for Building Account, June 1, 1892.....		\$722,632 26

SUMMARY OF TOTAL RESOURCES.

Fund of 1879 and prior years (unavailable),.....	\$ 23,534 44	
Maintenance Account.....	136,674 18	
Building Account.....	722,632 26	
Total Resources of Library, June 1, 1892		\$882,840 88

CASH FUNDS.

Dr.

To Balance, June 1, 1891.....	\$ 11,314 68	
City Controller for Incidental Expenses	2,373 05	
Security Deposits.....	947 75	
Interest on Wm. H. Ryder Fund.....	827 89	

Cr.

By Incidental Expenses, as per vouchers audited.....	\$ 2,415 34	
Security Deposits refunded.....	855 25	
Subscription to A. L. A. Endowment Fund.....	400 00	
Balance Cash on hand, June 1, 1892	11,792 78	
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	\$15,463 37	\$15,463 37

SUMMARY OF BALANCE.

Incidental Fund.....	\$ 95	
Security Deposits.....	738 25	
Ryder Fund, Invested in 8 per cent. Securities	\$10,000 00	
Ryder Fund, Accrued Interest in Bank.....	953 58	10,953 58
Special Deposit, Typographical Union.....	100 00	\$11,792 78

Moneys received from the following
sources and paid monthly to City
Controller, from June 1, 1891,
to May 31, 1892:

From Sale of Duplicates.....	\$	24	96	
Sale of Finding Lists.....		585	31	
Miscellaneous Sources.....		35	34	
Books lost and paid for.....		453	75	
Fines for detention of books....		5,943	31	\$7,042 67
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Paid to City Controller.....				\$7,042 67
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BOOKS.

Number of Books in Library June 1, 1891.....	166,475
“ “ purchased the past year....	12,890
“ “ donated the past year.....	784
“ “ rec'd from Reading Rooms	1,020
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Total number of Books added the past year.. 14,694

Number of Books worn out the past year	3,559
“ “ lost and paid for.....	285
“ “ delinquent in '90-'91.	33
“ “ missing in 1890.....	114
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Total number of Books subtracted the past year 3,991

Total net additions the past year..... 10,703

Total number of volumes in Library June 1, 1892.... 177,178

Number of Books unaccounted for in annual inventory
of 1892..... 164

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. WICKERSHAM,

Secretary.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
County of Cook. } ss.

I, W. B. WICKERSHAM, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library, do solemnly affirm that the foregoing statements are true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. B. WICKERSHAM,
Secretary.

Affirmed to and subscribed before me this 11th day of June,
A. D. 1892.

E. F. L. GAUSS,
Notary Public.

[SEAL.]

Audited and approved,

[Signed.] WILLIAM KASPAR,
E. S. DREYER,
AZEL F. HATCH,
Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith the Twentieth Annual Report of the Librarian, on the growth and work of the Public Library, for the official year ending May 31st, 1892.

The statistics herewith presented show a more extensive use of the Library, in all of its departments, than during any previous year. The net increase in the number of volumes added since the last annual report, was 10,703, making the total number of books on hand at the close of the year, 177,178. These figures place the Chicago Public Library second in rank among the public Libraries of the United States, the Boston Public Library alone exceeding it in number of volumes. The aggregate circulation of books and periodicals in all departments of the Library was 2,115,386, of which 1,014,331 volumes were issued for home use. The use of books and periodicals in each department was as follows:

BOOKS.

Home Circulation (Main Library).....	606,541
“ “ (Delivery Stations).....	407,790
Reference Department.....	328,101
Patent Department.....	19,341
Bound Newspapers.....	2,490
Issued to Public Schools.....	1,300
Branch Reading Rooms.....	48,906
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Total circulation of Books.....	1,414,469

PERIODICALS.

Reading Room (Main Library).....	548,920
Branch Reading Rooms.....	151,997
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Total issues of Periodicals.....	700,917
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Grand Total.....	2,115,386
	2,115,386

Following the order of previous reports, the statistics of each department of the Library are given below. In appendix A will be found a summary of the statistics since 1875.

BOOKS.

On May 31st, 1892, the Library contained 177,178 volumes. The number reported last year was 166,475, showing a net increase of 10,703. The whole number of volumes entered in the accession catalogue was 14,694, from which were deducted the following items: 3,559 volumes worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 285 volumes lost and paid for, 114 volumes unaccounted for in the annual inventory of 1890, and 33 volumes not recovered from delinquents in 1891. Of the entire number of books received during the year, 12,890 were purchased, 784 donated, and 1,020 were received from the several reading rooms. The accessions of pamphlets numbered 1,643, of which 164 were bought and 1,479 were donated. Of the 3,559 volumes worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 1,675 were English prose fiction, 1,384 juvenile books, 194 German books, and the balance in other classes; 3,555 volumes to replace worn-out copies were added. In the following table is shown a classified analysis of the entire accessions, and the net increase and extent of each class in the Library:

	Total Accessions of the Year.	Net Accessions of the Year.	Total No. of Volumes in Library.
History.....	938	880	10,871
Biography.....	769	753	7,804
Travels.....	375	353	6,636
Poetry and Drama.....	331	318	4,181
Essays and Miscellanies.....	174	164	2,875
Polygraphy and Collected Works.....	56	47	2,727
Fine Arts.....	253	251	2,511
Natural Sciences.....	330	300	4,343
Practical Arts (including Patents).....	643	605	9,369
Political and Social Science.....	199	193	3,931
Language and Literature.....	221	211	2,699
Mental and Moral Science.....	105	101	2,238
Ancient Classics.....	13	9	1,088
Religion.....	105	103	4,350
Medicine.....	18	10	473
Law.....	16	16	730
Periodicals and Newspapers.....	1,766	3,761	20,194

	Total Accessions of the Year.	Net Accessions of the Year.	Total No. of Volumes in Library.
Gov't Doc'ts and State Papers.....	562	562	10,705
Bibliography	103	103	1,505
Dictionaries and Encyclopædias.....	240	238	2,643
English Prose Fiction.....	3,358	1,489	29,059
Juvenile Literature.....	2,538	1,067	7,699
German Literature.....	825	602	18,659
French Literature.....	309	276	8,501
Italian Literature.....	3	<i>less</i> 3	493
Spanish Literature.....	16	16	188
Portuguese Literature.....	—	—	26
Dutch Literature.....	6	6	1,403
Bohemian Literature.....	7	<i>less</i> 83	3,862
Polish Literature.....	—	<i>less</i> 3	1,010
Russian Literature.....	300	299	435
Scandinavian Literature.....	182	63	4,007
Total.....	14,694	10,703	177,178

The amount expended for books was \$15,785.44. Among the more valuable purchases, the following are worthy of mention: American Society of Civil Engineers, Transactions, 22 vols. 8vo; American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Transactions, 11 vols. 8vo; Arana. Historia jeneral de Chile, 11 vols. 8vo; Archives d'Anthropologie criminelle, 6 vols. 8vo; Archives de la Commission des Monuments historiques, 5 vols. fol.; Blanc. Histoire des Peintres de toutes les Ecoles, 14 vols. 4to; Centennial Celebration of Washington's Inaugural, 4to; Civil Engineers' and Architects' Journal, 30 vols. 4to; Deuchar. Collection of Etchings, 2 vols. fol.; Deville. Historie de l'Art de la Verrerie, 4to; Exposition des Beaux-Arts, Salon de 1880-91, 12 vols. 4to; Fabricius. Bibliotheca Græca, 13 vols. 4to; Garnier. Le Nouvel Opera de Paris, 4 vols. fol. and 4to; Garnier. The Soft Porcelain of Sèvres, fol.; Geneste. Account of the English Stage, 10 vols. 8vo; Geymüller. Die ursprünglichen Entwürfe für St. Peter in Rom, 2 vols. fol. and 4to; Griffith. The Ramayana of Valmiki, 5 vols. 8vo; Havard. Dictionnaire de l'Ameublement et de la Décoration, 4 vols. 4to; Hirth. Kulturgeschichtliches Bilderbuch, 6 vols. 4to; Horace. Works (Pyne's Edition), 2 vols. 8vo; Jacquemin. Iconographie du Costume du IV. au XIX. Siècle, fol.; Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und

Statistik, 73 vols. 8vo; Lebrun. Galerie des Peintres flamands. 3 vols. fol.; Letarouilly. Le Vatican, 2 vols. fol.; Ongania Basilica di San Marco, 21 vols. fol. and 4to; Panzer. Annalen der älteren deutschen Litteratur, 3 vols. 4to; Preussische Jahrbücher, 68 vols. 8vo; Prisse d'Avennes. L'Art Egyptien, 3 vols. fol. and 4to; Puck, 30 vols. 4to; Raschdorff. Palast Architektur von Oberitalien und Toscano, fol.; Reinhardt. Palast Architektur von Genua, fol.; Revue universelle des Arts, 25 vols. 8vo; Royal Society, Proceedings, 1854-89, 39 vols. 8vo; Sowerby. English Botany, 36 vols. 8vo; Sybel und Sichel. Kaiserurkunden in Abbildungen, 3 vols. fol. and 4to; Thane. British Autography, 3 vols. 4to; Thomas à Kempis. Imitation de Jésus-Christ (Curmer's Edition), 2 vols. 1 8vo; Uricoechea. Coleccion linguistica americana, 14 vols. 8vo; Wallis. Examples of the Book-Binder's Art, fol.; Zeitschrift für Ethnologie, 28 vols. 8vo.

DONATIONS.

The donations to the Library during the past year consisted of 784 volumes and 1,479 pamphlets. From Mr. Geo. W. Barker were received 67 volumes and 4 pamphlets. Mrs. M. Jourdain presented 86 volumes, among them a number of valuable works on the French Revolution of 1848. The National Library of the Argentine Republic presented 7 volumes. The States of Massachusetts, Vermont, Kansas, and others, gave numerous volumes of their public documents. From the Department of Publicity of the World's Fair were received complete sets of all pamphlets and broadsides issued in the interest of the Exhibition. The Commissioners of Patents of Great Britain presented 104 volumes of Specifications and Drawings. From the various departments of the United States Government at Washington were received 336 volumes and 304 pamphlets. A complete list of donors will be found in Appendix B.

BOOK-BORROWERS.

The present number of persons holding Library cards, which entitle them to draw books for home use, is 48,228, an increase of 4,479 over the number reported last year. The total registration of the year was 24,413, of which 13,538 were males and

10,875 females. The registration of the previous year was 23,815. Under the regulation enabling persons to obtain Library cards at the Delivery Stations, without calling in person at the main Library, 9,092 cards were issued.

CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

The Circulating Department has been open for the delivery of books 307 days during the year, and the number of volumes drawn for home use was 1,014,331, including 407,790 volumes which were issued from the Delivery Stations. The daily average circulation increased from 3,095, the number reported last year, to 3,309. The total circulation in 1891 was 938,502, and in 1890, 843,971.

The largest number of books issued for home use on any one day was 6,975, on February 13th. On the same day there were used in other departments of the Library 1,363 volumes, making a total of 8,348 volumes, being the largest issue of books on any one day in the history of the Library. The smallest circulation was on August 15th, when 2,291 volumes were drawn for home use. The daily average evening circulation was 333. The amount received from fines was \$5,943.31, against \$5,550.88 for the preceding year. In the following table is shown the circulation and daily average, month by month, for the past two years.

1890-91.				1891-92.			
MONTH.	Days.	Circulation.	Daily Av'ge	MONTH.	Days.	Circulation.	Daily Av'ge
June	25	67,732	2,709	June.....	26	76,374	2,939
July	26	68,691	2,641	July.....	26	75,693	2,911
August	26	70,786	2,722	August.....	26	75,474	2,903
September	26	65,072	2,503	September.....	26	76,995	2,961
October.....	27	72,409	2,682	October.....	27	83,246	3,083
November.....	24	73,668	3,069	November.....	24	80,463	3,353
December.....	26	79,915	3,330	December.....	26	87,010	3,346
January.....	26	91,164	3,506	January.....	25	87,570	3,503
February.....	23	85,876	3,734	February.....	24	90,558	3,773
March.....	26	96,423	3,708	March.....	26	101,120	3,889
April.....	26	88,749	3,413	April.....	26	93,870	3,610
May.....	25	78,017	3,121	May.....	25	85,958	3,430
Total.....	306	938,502	3,095	Total.....	307	1,014,331	3,309

DELIVERY STATIONS.

There are now in operation twenty-eight Delivery Stations, the number having been increased by four during the year. The total circulation of books by means of these stations was 407,790, an increase of 112,910 over the preceding year. The amount expended for the transportation of books to and from the library, and for the services of the keepers of Delivery Stations, was \$11,606.53, an average cost to the library of about 2.8 cents for each volume sent out. By means of the Delivery Stations the benefits of the library are extended to a large number of people living at a distance from the main library. The crowded condition of the rooms in the circulating department is also relieved and the library is enabled to give better and quicker service to its patrons. The location of each station, the number of books issued, and the persons in charge are as follows:

STATION.	LOCATION.	IN CHARGE OF.	ISSUES.
1 North	349 Division street.	R. E. Burke	26,680
2 "	199½ Center street.	J. H. Quinlan	20,406
3 "	549 Lincoln avenue	Mrs. E. R. Day	17,011
4 "	Ravenswood.	Historical Society	4,059
5 "	180 Fullerton avenue.	A. B. Wolff	15,733
6 "	341 Clybourn avenue.	Reading Room	8,176
7 "	Edgewater.	C. M. Clay	275
1 West	278 W. 12th street.	Frank Kotzum	24,819
2 "	547 W. Indiana street.	Mrs. S. Imbrit	20,487
3 "	817 W. Madison street.	R. C. Holland	19,512
4 "	518 W. 18th street.	Anton Janes	25,508
5 "	1204 Milwaukee avenue.	Reading Room	20,225
6 "	381 S. Western avenue.	Mrs. Mary Rooks	32,351
7 "	888 N. California avenue.	Mrs. E. Ainsworth	15,303
8 "	1084 Millard avenue.	A. L. Klein	7,120
9 "	335 S. Halsted street.	Reading Room	6,278
10 "	405 W. Van Buren street.	Mrs. C. D. Shields	3,737
11 "	Irving Park.	A. L. Adams & Co.	5,894
12 "	1264 W. Madison street.	J. T. Sutor	15,793
1 South	154 E. 22nd street.	P. V. Fitzpatrick	12,924
2 "	333 81st street.	G. W. Boulton	22,271
3 "	3804 Cottage Grove ave.	Mrs. Alex. Darrow	22,507
4 "	625 43rd street (Lake)	Reading Room	16,206
5 "	134 53rd st. (Hyde Park)	Reading Room	21,285
6 "	6308 Wentworth avenue	J. C. Hennessy	25,279
7 "	South Englewood.	E. E. Wilder	4,203
8 "	9145 Commercial avenue (South Chicago)	Edwards & Colburn	1,568
9 "	Chicago Lawn.	Geo. K. Storey	2,231
			407,790

APPENDIX A (2). SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FROM 1884 TO 1892.

STATIONS.		June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	TOTAL.
1	N	1,410	1,117	1,043	1,081	1,223	1,270	1,342	1,349	1,456	1,827	1,744	1,768	26,680
2	N	1,816	1,730	1,682	1,658	1,599	1,515	1,683	1,645	1,791	1,922	1,845	1,620	20,406
3	N	1,332	1,322	1,222	1,250	1,315	1,259	1,448	1,381	1,588	1,673	1,741	1,584	17,011
4	N	423	486	395	378	383	306	312	289	275	332	277	253	4,039
5	N	893	850	973	895	1,054	1,158	1,554	1,567	1,797	1,797	1,708	1,537	15,733
6	N	571	590	525	573	603	642	713	768	811	908	768	704	8,176
7	N	Opened	1892.	1892.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	275
1	W	3,389	2,307	1,857	2,129	2,377	1,809	1,828	1,883	1,854	2,183	2,126	2,177	24,819
2	W	1,565	1,545	1,419	1,474	1,656	1,573	1,820	1,777	1,812	2,062	1,947	1,837	20,487
3	W	1,604	1,391	1,401	1,610	1,701	1,450	1,636	1,493	1,730	1,879	1,933	1,684	19,512
4	W	2,141	1,789	1,538	1,635	1,917	2,000	2,372	2,400	2,473	2,647	2,347	2,239	25,508
5	W	1,801	1,586	1,414	1,363	1,495	1,514	1,703	1,671	1,920	2,032	1,923	1,803	20,225
6	W	2,784	2,587	2,347	2,356	2,499	2,410	2,814	2,808	2,944	3,308	2,847	2,647	32,351
7	W	1,293	1,297	1,266	1,210	1,224	1,172	1,186	1,155	1,215	1,471	1,386	1,423	15,303
8	W	469	423	450	376	403	196	477	681	904	1,095	885	761	7,120
9	W	105	185	344	412	458	536	475	651	715	780	755	692	6,273
10	W	526	451	522	576	716	793	148	432	485	580	638	466	3,737
11	W	602	542	462	466	478	417	411	432	485	580	638	466	5,894
12	W	1,066	1,142	1,140	1,025	1,191	1,174	1,242	1,236	1,395	1,609	1,783	1,789	15,793
1	S	986	902	1,056	992	1,033	990	1,079	1,008	1,077	1,301	1,197	1,303	12,924
2	S	1,723	1,608	1,624	1,773	1,819	1,747	1,908	1,840	1,898	2,232	2,090	1,898	22,271
3	S	1,815	1,626	1,570	1,635	1,822	1,725	1,918	1,933	1,930	2,295	2,185	2,033	22,507
4	S	1,082	1,042	969	1,061	1,183	1,283	1,527	1,483	1,530	2,295	2,108	1,571	16,306
5	S	1,335	1,295	1,314	1,354	1,789	1,803	2,016	1,883	2,065	2,295	2,108	1,855	21,285
6	S	1,754	1,585	1,546	1,588	1,866	1,747	1,988	2,100	2,009	3,100	2,962	2,544	23,279
7	S	Opened	1891.	1891.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4,302
8	S	Opened	Dec.	1891.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4,202
9	S	Opened	Jan.	1892.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3,231
		31,475	29,214	28,099	29,211	32,218	30,961	34,400	34,214	37,112	42,457	40,414	37,955	407,790

CLASSIFICATION OF THE CIRCULATION.

The classification of the books drawn from the Library for home use, according to the number of volumes and the percentage in each of the eight classes, is as follows:

	Volumes.	Per Cent.
English Prose Fiction.....	428,859	42.28
Juvenile Literature.....	207,228	20.43
History and Biography.....	94,434	9.31
Geography and Travels.....	49,905	4.92
Sciences and Arts.....	64,809	6.34
Poetry and Drama.....	33,067	3.26
Miscellaneous.....	29,720	2.93
Foreign Languages.....	106,809	10.53
Total.....	1,014,321	100.00

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

In the Reference Room 110,962 readers consulted 328,101 volumes, showing an increase of 11,998 readers over the number reported last year. In no other department of the Library is the need of better accommodation more strongly felt than in the Reference Room, and until the new building is ready for occupancy, the growth and usefulness of this department promises to be seriously retarded. The number of lady readers was 12,588. The classification of books used was as follows: Arts and Sciences, 17.18 per cent; History and Biography, 18.62 per cent; Bound Periodicals and Transactions of Societies, 18.61 per cent; Geography and Travels, 8.89 per cent; Language and Literature, 9.17 per cent; Encyclopædias and Dictionaries, 3.96 per cent; Atlases and Statistics, 2.55 per cent; Public Documents, 2.43 per cent; Bibliography, 2.41 per cent; Miscellaneous, 16.18 per cent.

The statistics of the Reference Department for the past two years, month by month, are as follows:

MONTH.	1891-'92.		MONTH.	1890-'91.	
	Visitors.	Volumes Consulted.		Visitors.	Volumes Consulted.
June	7,603	24,007	June.....	5,115	19,303
July	7,210	20,797	July	4,194	17,016
August.....	7,883	20,833	August.....	6,169	21,494
September...	7,107	22,741	September...	6,881	24,414
October	8,488	31,517	October	8,469	29,362
November ...	9,621	31,805	November ...	8,290	28,723
December ...	10,020	31,983	December ...	9,189	30,313
January	12,131	33,446	January	11,788	39,114
February	11,248	32,945	February	10,960	34,459
March	11,846	33,433	March	10,592	33,435
April	9,762	24,252	April	9,227	24,881
May	8,543	20,842	May	8,090	24,106
Total	110,963	328,101	Total.....	98,964	326,619

PATENT DEPARTMENT.

The collection of American, English, French and German patent reports in the Library has been increased by the addition of the latest volumes issued, making these sets quite complete. Some of the best American and English works on the laws of patents have also been purchased. The number of readers was 6,671. The number of volumes consulted 19,341, which does not, however, represent the entire use of the patent reports, as readers have free access to many of the books on the shelves and accurate statistics of their use cannot be kept. In the following tables is shown the number of visitors and volumes consulted:

MONTH.	1891-'92.		MONTH.	1890-'91.	
	Visitors.	Volumes.		Visitors.	Volumes.
June	546	1,573	June	378	1,031
July	488	1,263	July	403	1,008
August.....	498	1,375	August.....	455	1,353
September...	542	1,574	September...	488	1,503
October	575	1,665	October	588	1,724
November ...	468	1,464	November ...	559	1,674
December ...	575	1,852	December ...	641	2,091
January	665	1,716	January	627	2,081
February	637	1,603	February	513	1,679
March	610	1,887	March	614	1,875
April	529	1,726	April	665	2,017
May	538	1,694	May	527	1,436
Total.....	6,671	19,341	Total.....	6,307	19,472

READING ROOM.

The number of visitors to the Reading Room during the past year was 560,760, an increase of 65,923 over the preceding year. The average Sunday attendance was from 738 to 760. The entire issue of periodicals was 548,920, which does not include the use of the daily newspapers on file in the room, to which readers have free access. There were also used in the Reading Room 2,940 volumes of bound newspapers. The entire number of serials now on file is 704, of which 492 are classed as periodicals, 71 daily newspapers, 60 weekly newspapers and 81 special newspapers; 14 Chicago dailies are also kept for binding. Of the 492 periodicals, 415 are bought and 77 are donated; 265 are American publications, 122 English, 63 German, 17 French, 9 Scandinavian, and 16 in other languages. A complete list of the donations is given in appendix C. The amount expended for periodicals and newspapers for the main reading room and the five branches was \$ 3,410.95. The statistics of attendance and use of periodicals for each month during the past year, compared with the previous year are as follows:

MONTH.	1891-'92.			MONTH.	1890-'91.		
	Visitors.	Period- icals Issued.	Av. Sunday Vis.		Visitors.	Period- icals Issued.	Av. Sunday Vis.
June	41,715	37,160	668	June	25,526	22,656	436
July	41,713	37,176	631	July	24,551	22,077	504
August...	39,764	35,341	680	August...	29,843	26,975	515
September	39,092	34,835	652	September	33,707	30,075	643
October ..	42,415	44,789	735	October ..	37,436	33,267	754
November	45,360	48,319	669	November	38,436	34,097	789
December	46,846	48,575	751	December	44,084	39,326	823
January ..	57,857	58,042	825	January ..	51,523	45,789	904
February .	55,573	54,639	946	February .	54,432	48,480	970
March.....	58,087	57,824	956	March.....	61,353	54,516	975
April.....	49,513	49,443	920	April.....	51,442	45,619	785
May	42,825	42,777	696	May	40,504	36,366	756
Total...	560,760	548,920	760	Total...	492,837	439,243	738

BRANCH READING ROOMS.

On July 1st, 1891, a new branch reading room was opened at No. 337 S. Halsted Street. The attendance, and use of periodicals and books, during the past year, in the five branch reading rooms now in operation, show that these adjuncts to the Public Library are no longer in the experimental stage of their existence. In October, 1891, each of the rooms was supplied with a collection of standard books, carefully selected in all branches of literature. These books are only for reference use in the rooms, and the number of volumes in the various collections is 3,307; the entire use of books in the reading rooms was 48,906. A careful revision of the periodicals on file in the various rooms has also been made and the 367 serials now subscribed for represent publications suitable for all classes of readers. The total use of periodicals in the branch reading rooms was 151,997. In the following table is shown in detail the statistics of each room :

No.	LOCATION.	Serials on file.	Books in R. R.	Attend- ance.	Serials Issued.	Books Issued.	Average Sunday Attendance.
I.	1204 Milwaukee Ave., near North Ave. . . .	90	488	37,320	48,864	13,081	140
II.	625 43d Street, Town of Lake	67	455	18,456	29,462	4,837	66
III.	341 Clybourn Ave., near North Ave. . . .	81	469	25,730	28,906	9,750	115
IV.	134 53d Street, Hyde Park	68	1,454	38,638	30,399	14,792	51
V.	337 S. Halsted Street, Hull House	61	441	19,770	19,366	6,446	74
	Total	367	3,807	134,914	151,997	48,906	89

FINDING LISTS.

Three bulletins, containing the titles of all new accessions were issued during the year. Of the revised edition of the finding lists, the following additional parts have been published: Language and Literature, Ancient Classics, Bibliography, Periodicals, Polish and Russian Literature. One of the most important

parts of the finding lists, including Fine Arts, Practical Arts and Natural Science, is now in press and nearly ready for publication. The amount derived from the sale of bulletins and finding lists was \$585.31.

ADMINISTRATION.

The number of persons regularly employed in the day service at the main Library is fifty-three, and twelve in the evening service. Ten persons are employed in the five branch reading rooms. In addition there are four substitutes in the day service and three in the evening service. With six janitors, one night-watchman, one electrician and one expressman, the entire roster of library employees numbers ninety-one persons. The amount expended for salaries was \$57,717.09.

BINDING.

The number of books sent to the binderies was 15,901, and the amount expended for binding was \$7,079.85. There were repaired in the Library by the attendants 20,068 books.

ANNUAL INVENTORY.

The annual inventory was taken during the months of March, April and May, without closing the Library, and show 164 volumes unaccounted for. Of these 85 are English prose fiction and juvenile books, and 79 in all other classes. Of the 134 books reported missing last year, 38 have since been found; one of the missing books of previous years has also reappeared during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

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Librarian.

APPENDIX A (1).

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FROM 1875 TO 1883.

	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.
Books in the Library.....	39,286	49,024	51,409	57,994	60,428	67,772	77,140	87,272	94,606
Total Accessions.....	21,053	10,251	8,389	7,876	4,287	8,440	11,920	11,088	9,416
Purchased.....	20,122	8,066	2,441	6,544	3,010	7,799	9,814	9,691	8,065
Donated.....	969	2,195	958	1,832	1,277	641	2,106	1,347	1,351
Expended for.....	\$ 28,410 68	\$ 10,784 19	\$ 2,504 17	\$ 9,078 06	\$ 2,907 24	\$ 7,404 52	\$ 10,843 72	\$ 10,052 62	\$ 10,814 52
Worn out.....	85	453	1,016	1,801	1,849	1,137	2,502	906	2,082
Unaccounted for.....	822	421	290	186	210	160	281	297	383
Pamphlets, Accessions of.....	1,944	354	282	419	1,037	487	848	2,133	1,442
New Registration of Book Borrowers	20,710	9,842	6,934	11,831	9,130	9,505	10,905	10,241	11,174
Circulation of Books.....	899,156	405,747	398,090	354,506	308,428	306,751	352,801	349,977	376,475
Daily Average.....	1,812	1,966	1,301	1,166	1,205	1,002	1,161	1,144	1,259
Largest issue in one day.....	2,539	2,631	2,501	2,999	2,339	2,176	2,421	2,358	2,654
Smallest issued in one day.....	329	698	732	672	662	613	626	676	637
Received for fines.....	\$ 2,648 72	\$ 2,831 44	\$ 2,710 64	\$ 1,959 57	\$ 1,892 70	\$ 1,775 72	\$ 2,064 35	\$ 2,169 18	\$ 2,220 26
Reading Room, Periodicals on File.....	284	255	220	210	298	221	241	252	265
Newspapers on File.....	80	104	91	98	118	128	120	124	123
Visitors.....	286,021	228,795	199,760	181,052	186,588	189,536	302,796	366,118	543,466
Periodicals Issued.....	185,855	188,984	127,423	115,275	119,547	124,597	184,617	199,471	264,640
Sunday Readers—Average.....	560	360	296	290	290	297	688	1,090	1,357
Cost of Serials.....	\$ 1,918 94	\$ 2,300 55	\$ 1,495 14	\$ 1,277 28	\$ 1,635 52	\$ 1,705 54	\$ 1,677 66	\$ 1,394 34	\$ 2,158 28
Reference Department Visitors.....	5,528	8,376	8,376	16,916	20,214	23,105	32,340	38,484	42,784
Issues.....	18,283	15,780	15,780	87,468	63,691	66,115	97,564	117,074	134,403
Blinding, Cost of.....	\$ 1,991 80	\$ 4,356 57	\$ 2,992 25	\$ 2,728 55	\$ 3,984 02	\$ 2,167 01	\$ 3,364 65	\$ 8,848 32	\$ 2,814 48
Amount paid for Salaries.....	15,545 00	14,705 20	11,972 47	13,274 90	18,571 00	14,556 00	17,686 35	20,835 92	22,486 58

APPENDIX A (2). SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FROM 1884 TO 1892.

	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
Books in the Library.....	106,341	111,621	119,510	129,129	138,902	149,156	156,243	166,475	177,178
Total Accessions.....	12,972	6,896	10,599	11,352	13,257	12,795	10,908	20,078	14,694
Purchased.....	11,790	5,692	8,243	9,700	10,124	11,714	10,078	16,296	12,890
Donated.....	1,178	1,144	2,356	1,655	3,139	1,081	885	1,165	784
Expended for.....	\$ 12,905 86	\$ 6,899 14	\$ 9,405 36	\$ 10,439 19	\$ 12,124 76	\$ 15,933 06	\$ 11,148 66	\$ 17,669 23	\$ 15,785 44
Worn out.....	1,237	698	1,816	784	2,989	2,090	3,507	4,156	3,559
Unaccounted for.....	775	363	302	85	81	132	144	134	164
Pamphlets, Accessions of.....	604	3,201	1,327	2,643	12,373	3,831	1,695	1,878	1,643
New Register of Book Borrowers.....	13,609	13,297	13,845	15,383	15,362	16,544	19,984	23,815	24,413
Circulation of Books.....	429,313	519,691	608,708	626,925	709,527	749,445	843,971	988,502	1,014,331
Daily Average.....	1,404	1,704	2,040	2,363	2,311	2,466	2,830	3,095	3,809
Largest issue, one day.....	3,317	3,720	3,897	4,368	3,967	4,760	5,373	5,391	6,975
Smallest issue ".....	694	1,007	1,221	1,360	1,095	1,528	1,720	1,727	2,291
Received for Fines.....	\$ 2,954 32	\$ 3,088 00	\$ 3,678 44	\$ 3,444 63	\$ 4,053 33	\$ 4,193 72	\$ 4,853 75	\$ 5,360 86	\$ 5,943 31
Reading Room Periodicals on File.....	284	328	325	342	337	394	390	468	493
Newspapers on File.....	141	148	156	123	152	179	197	194	212
Visitors.....	603,802	633,245	655,816	184,947	237,367	341,314	436,412	492,837	560,760
Periodicals issued.....	285,422	293,618	300,306	205,519	204,623	323,363	389,192	439,243	548,920
Sunday Readers—Average.....	1,705	1,630	1,743	396	392	496	639	738	760
Cost of Serials.....	\$ 1,797 72	\$ 1,941 93	\$ 1,444 84	\$ 1,508 31	\$ 1,179 15	\$ 2,308 97	\$ 2,174 33	\$ 2,966 95	\$ 3,410 35
Reference Department Visitors.....	69,696	57,090	66,498	79,345	101,714	117,810	103,059	98,964	110,962
Issues.....	175,360	145,652	157,345	208,470	251,310	338,765	331,813	326,619	338,101
Binding, Cost of.....	\$ 3,885 61	\$ 3,618 01	\$ 4,206 54	\$ 3,760 18	\$ 4,744 35	\$ 4,941 44	\$ 5,280 42	\$ 6,768 41	\$ 7,079 85
Amount paid for Salaries.....	25,169 43	28,620 77	32,202 76	37,621 98	37,878 86	41,353 01	45,919 61	51,440 54	57,717 09
DELIVERY STATIONS.									
Books Issued.....	.....	65,271	108,893	123,035	136,682	152,006	201,257	234,880	407,790

APPENDIX B.

LIST OF DONORS.

	VOLS.	PAMP.
Aberdeen, Scotland, Public Library.....	--	1
Acme Publishing Company.....	1	--
Adams, Charles Francis.....	1	--
Altenheim Frauen-Verein.....	1	--
American Ass'n. for the Advancement of Science.....	1	--
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.....	1	2
American Institute of Electric Engineers.....	--	2
American Institute of Mining Engineers.....	1	--
American Society for University Extension.....	--	1
American Statistical Association.....	--	3
Amherst College.....	--	1
Andover Theological Seminary.....	--	2
Antwerp, Belgium, Chamber of Commerce.....	--	1
Ball, T. H., Crown Point, Ind.....	1	--
Bangor, Me., Public Library.....	--	1
Barker, Geo. W.....	67	4
Barrett, B. F.....	--	1
Baumann, Frederick.....	--	1
Beers, J. H. & Co.....	1	--
Bell, W. S., Oakland, Cal.....	1	--
Berry, John M.....	--	1
Besolow, Thos. E.....	1	--
Birmingham, Eng., Free Libraries Committee.....	1	1
Bishop, W. B.....	--	1
Bodleian Library, Oxford.....	--	1
Bonavia, E., London.....	1	--
Boston Associated Charities.....	--	1
Boston Book Company.....	1	1
Boston, City of.....	3	--
Boston Dept. for the Relief of the Poor.....	--	1
Boston Museum of Fine Arts.....	--	1
Boston Port and Seamen's Aid Society.....	--	1
Boston Public Library.....	2	5

Boutell, Lewis H.....	1	--
Bowdoin College.....	--	1
Bowes, J. L., Liverpool.....	1	--
Brentano, Hon. Theodore.....	1	--
Brinton, Dr. D. G.....	--	1
British Museum Library.....	1	--
Brittania Company, Colchester.....	2	--
Brookline, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1
Brooklyn, N. Y., Library.....	1	--
Brooks, Francis A.....	--	1
Brown University.....	14	--
Bruce, Robert.....	1	--
Budapest, Hungary, Students' Ass'n.....	--	1
Buenos Ayres, Biblioteca Nacional.....	7	--
Buffalo Historical Society.....	--	1
Buffalo Library.....	--	1
Bunker Hill Monument Association.....	1	--
Bureau of American Republics.....	18	43
California Board of Bank Commissioners.....	9	--
California Department of State.....	8	--
California State Agricultural Society.....	1	--
California State Superintendent of Instruction.....	2	--
California University, 1 p'k'ge.....	3	8
Canada Geological and Natural History Survey.....	1	--
Charles, George B.....	1	--
Chicago Art Institute.....	--	7
Chicago Board of Education.....	2	--
Chicago Board of Trade.....	3	--
Chicago Citizens' Association.....	--	1
Chicago, City of.....	1	--
Chicago, City Clerk.....	2	--
Chicago College of Physicians and Surgeons.....	--	1
Chicago <i>Daily News</i>	2	--
Chicago Department of Public Works.....	3	--
Chicago Health Department.....	3	--
Chicago Home for the Friendless.....	--	1
Chicago Hospital for Women and Children.....	--	1
Chicago House of Correction.....	--	1
Chicago Society for University Extension.....	--	1
Chicago Union League Club.....	1	--
Chicago University.....	--	2
Chicago <i>Weekly Occident</i>	1	--
Chicago Woman's Medical College.....	--	1
Christian Science Publishing Co.....	4	28
Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.....	1	--

Cincinnati Public Library.....	1	5
Clapham Public Library, London.....	--	1
Clark, Alvan & Sons.....	--	1
Clark, Chas. J., London.....	--	1
Claussenius, H.....	--	2
Clerkenwell Free Public Library, London.....	--	1
Cobb's Library.....	--	1
Collins, Fred S.....	1	--
Collyer, Miss L. D.....	8	--
Columbia College Library.....	1	6
Columbus, O., Public Library.....	--	1
Concord, Mass., Free Public Library.....	--	1
Cook County, Ill., Board of Commissioners.....	3	--
Cooley, L. E.....	1	--
Cornell University.....	1	2
Council Bluffs Free Public Library.....	--	1
Counsel, Edward.....	--	1
Crisp, F. A., London.....	1	--
Cumming, George.....	2	--
Cust, R. N., London.....	3	--
Dante Society, Cambridge.....	1	1
Dayton, O., Public Library.....	--	1
Denver Public Library.....	1	4
Denver <i>Times</i>	1	--
Detroit Public Library.....	1	2
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., Boston.....	--	1
Dotterer H. S.....	1	--
Drexel Institute, Phila.....	--	1
Driscoll, Wm.....	--	6
Ellis, John.....	--	1
Enoch Pratt Free Library.....	1	1
Euphrat, H.....	2	--
Everts, Mrs. Wm. M.....	1	--
Fernald, Fred'k A., New York.....	1	4
Fitz Public Library, Chelsea, Mass.....	--	1
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.....	--	1
Florence, Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale.....	--	25
Foote, Lieut. Allen R.....	--	2
Forrester, George.....	1	--
Fowler, B. M.....	2	--
Frankenstein, Victor.....	2	--
Friedhelm, Hermann.....	7	--
Friends' Free Library, Germantown, Pa.....	1	--
Frothingham, E. L. and A. L.....	2	--
Gauss, E. F. L.....	--	2

Gerardin, Victor.....	4	--
Gerry, Elbridge T.....	--	1
Gower, Miss Millie.....	1	--
Grand Rapids, Mich., Public Library.....	--	1
Gray, E. W.....	1	--
Great Britain, Commissioners of Patents.....	104	--
Green, C. H.....	--	1
Green, Dr. Sam'l A.....	5	65
Green, Sam'l S.....	--	1
Gregory, H. E.....	--	1
Greiner, Theodore S.....	1	--
Hahnemann Publishing Co.....	1	--
Halifax Public Library.....	--	1
Hamilton, Ont., Public Library.....	--	1
Handsworth Public Library, West Bromwich, Eng.....	--	1
Hardin, Gen. M. D.....	1	--
Harlem, N. Y., R. R.....	--	1
Hartford Library Association.....	--	2
Hartford Theological Seminary.....	--	3
Harvard University.....	2	--
Hauxhurst, A.....	15	--
Hercules Iron Works.....	1	--
Hesing, Washington.....	1	--
Hild, F. H.....	2	1
Hill, N. P., Denver.....	1	--
Hintermeister, Miss Julia M. E.....	2	1
Hoffman Bros., Milwaukee.....	--	1
Illinois Bureau of Labor Statistics.....	2	--
Illinois Department of State.....	4	--
Illinois Horticultural Society.....	1	--
Illinois Humane Society.....	--	1
Illinois State Board of Health.....	1	1
Illinois State Entomologist.....	1	--
Illinois State Medical Society.....	1	--
Illinois University.....	1	2
India, Surveyor General of.....	1	--
Indiana Bureau of Statistics.....	1	--
I. O. B. B., District Grand Lodge No. 6.....	--	3
Iowa Board of Railroad Commissioners.....	--	1
Iowa University.....	--	1
Irish Catholic Benevolent Union.....	--	1
Jaquess, Col. James F.....	--	1
Jersey City Free Public Library.....	--	5
Johns Hopkins University.....	--	1
Jourdain, Mrs. M.....	86	--

Kahn, Ruth Ward.....	--	1
Kansas City Board of Education.....	1	--
Kansas State Board of Agriculture.....	1	11
Kansas State Department.....	2	--
Kansas State Historical Society.....	2	--
Kentucky, Polytechnic Society of.....	--	1
Königliche Bibliothek, Berlin.....	3	2
Königliche Universitäts Bibliothek, Göttingen.....	1	--
Koopman, H. L.....	--	1
Kuhlmann, Wm. H.....	2	--
Lafayette, Indiana, Public Library.....	--	2
Lake Forest University.....	--	1
Lancaster, Mass., Library Committee.....	--	1
Lange, C. A.....	1	--
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library.....	--	3
Leeds, Eng., Free Public Library.....	--	1
Leland Stanford Junior University.....	--	3
Lincoln, Neb., Public Library.....	--	1
Liverpool, Eng., Free Public Library.....	--	1
Los Angeles, Cal, Public Library.....	1	5
Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of.....	1	--
Lynn, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1
MacDonald, Arthur.....	--	1
Mackenzie, Harriot, Bræmar, Scotland.....	2	--
McLaughlin, Andrew C.....	1	--
Macnair, Chas. S.....	--	1
Malden, Mass., Public Library.....	--	1
Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society.....	1	2
Manchester Public Free Libraries.....	--	1
Manchester, N. H., City Library.....	--	2
Mason, Wm. L., Milwaukee.....	1	--
Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor.....	2	--
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy.....	--	1
Massachusetts, Commonwealth of.....	6	--
Massachusetts Historical Society.....	--	1
Massachusetts State Board of Health.....	1	--
Mathews, W. S. B.....	1	--
Mayer, Frederic.....	1	--
Menozzi, Vincenzo, Rome, Italy.....	1	--
Michigan University.....	1	--
Miller, Hon. Warner, N. Y.....	1	--
Milwaukee Public Library.....	--	5
Minneapolis Public Library.....	4	3
Minnesota Historical Society.....	1	1
Mitchell Library, Glasgow, Scotland.....	--	1

Momerie, Alfred, London, Eng.....	1	--
Montt, Pedro, Washington, D. C.....	--	2
Morrell, Chas.....	--	3
Morrison Library, Richmond, Ind.....	1	--
Mott, Lewis F.....	--	1
National Civil Service Reform League.....	--	1
National Republican Committee.....	1	--
National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.....	4	1
Nelson, L. P.....	2	--
Nevada, Adjutant-General of.....	--	1
Newberry Library, Chicago.....	--	1
Newark, N. J., Free Public Library.....	6	--
New Bedford, Mass., Free Public Library.....	--	1
New Hampshire State Library.....	1	--
Newlin, W. H.....	1	--
New Mexico Bureau of Immigration.....	2	4
Newton, Mass., Free Public Library.....	--	2
New Westminster, B. C., Board of Trade.....	--	2
New York Central and Hudson River R. R.....	1	--
New York City Apprentices' Library.....	--	1
New York City, Association of the Bar of.....	1	--
New York City Astor Library.....	--	1
New York City Board of Education.....	4	--
New York City, Cooper Union.....	--	2
New York City, Department of Public Works.....	--	1
New York City, Free Circulating Library.....	1	1
New York City, General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen.....	--	1
New York City, Malmonides Library.....	--	2
New York City, Y. M. C. A.....	1	--
New York State Agricultural Society.....	1	--
New York State Bureau of Statistics of Labor.....	2	--
New York State Forest Commission.....	1	--
New York State Library.....	1	4
New York State Mathematical Society.....	--	1
New York State Meteorological Bureau.....	--	1
New York State University.....	--	9
Northwestern University.....	1	--
Noyes, Gideon P.....	2	--
Ohio State Meteorological Bureau.....	--	2
Ohnstein, Lionell.....	1	--
Omaha Public Library.....	--	1
Owens College, Manchester, Eng.....	--	2
Oxford University <i>Gazette</i>	--	1
Parsons, Eugene.....	--	1
Paterson, N. J., Free Public Library.....	--	1

Peabody Institute, Baltimore.....	--	1
Peltzer, Otto.....	1	--
Pennsylvania University.....	1	1
Peters, Edw. T.....	--	1
Phelan, John F.....	--	8
Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences.....	--	1
Philadelphia Commissioners for the Erection of Public Buildings.....	--	1
Philadelphia Department of Charities.....	1	--
Philadelphia Library Company.....	--	2
Philadelphia Mercantile Library.....	1	5
Philadelphia, Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of.....	--	1
Phillips, Henry, Jr.....	1	--
Plymouth, Eng., Free Public Library.....	--	1
Poole, Wm. F.....	1	1
<i>Poor Souls Advocate</i> , Evansville, Indiana.....	--	1
Portland, Me., Public Library.....	--	1
<i>Postal Record</i> , Publishers of.....	--	1
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn.....	--	1
Prince, L. H.....	1	--
<i>Pritel Ditek</i> , Publishers of.....	1	--
Purdue University.....	--	1
Quaritch, Bernard, London.....	1	--
Rand, McNally & Co.....	--	1
Redwood Library, Newport, R. I.....	--	1
Register Publishing Co.....	1	--
Remmer, Mary E.....	3	4
Rhode Island, Soldiers' and Sailors' Historical Society of....	1	--
Richmond, Eng., Free Public Library.....	--	1
Rochester University.....	--	1
Rogers, John.....	--	1
Rome, Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale Vittorio Emanuele.....	--	12
Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terre Haute, Ind.....	--	2
Royal Scottish Society of Arts.....	--	1
Royal Society of Canada.....	1	--
Russo-Jewish Committee, London.....	--	1
St. Helens, Eng., Free Public Library.....	1	--
St. Joseph, Mo., Free Public Library.....	--	1
St. Louis Academy of Science.....	--	1
St. Louis Botanical Gardens.....	2	--
St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.....	1	1
St. Louis Public Library.....	--	1
St. Paul <i>Dispatch</i>	1	--
St. Paul Public Library.....	--	1
Salem, Mass., Public Library.....	1	6

Sanford and Kelly.....	--	1
San Francisco Board of Supervisors.....	1	--
San Francisco Free Public Library.....	1	1
San Francisco Mercantile Library Association.....	--	1
Scarborough, J. N.....	1	--
Scoville Institute, Oak Park, Ill.....	--	1
Scranton, Pa., Public Library.....	--	1
Seattle, Wash., Board of Trade.....	--	1
Seobaum, J. A.....	2	--
Severinghaus, Rev. J. D.....	3	--
Sharpe, Gen. Geo. H.....	--	1
Sheffield, Eng., Free Public Libraries.....	--	1
Shortall, John G.....	1	2
Sibley, Henry O.....	--	1
Simms, Joseph.....	--	1
Smith, Cassius C.....	1	--
Smith, John C.....	1	--
Smith, Pliny B.....	2	--
Smithsonian Institution.....	7	10
Society for Psychical Research.....	--	1
Southbridge, Mass., Town of.....	1	--
South Dakota Agricultural College.....	--	4
Springfield, Ill., Public Library.....	1	1
Springfield, Mass., Library Association.....	--	2
Springfield, Mass., Public Library.....	--	4
Stevens, B. F., London, Eng.....	1	--
Summerfield, Mrs. E. C.....	2	--
Swansea, Eng., Public Library.....	--	1
Swift, M. I.....	1	--
Taunton, Mass., Public Library.....	--	2
Taylor, James A.....	--	1
Thomas, G. W.....	9	--
Thompson, Slason.....	1	--
Thos. Crane Public Library.....	--	1
Toledo, O., Public Library.....	--	1
Toman, John.....	2	--
Topeka, Kas., Public Library.....	--	5
Toronto, Ont., Public Library.....	--	3
Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.....	--	2
Tucker, Willis G.....	--	3
Tuft's College, Cambridge, Mass.....	--	1
Unger, Robert.....	2	--
United Hebrew Charities.....	--	1
United States Board on Geographic Names.....	1	1
United States Bureau of Education.....	3	1

United States Bureau of Statistics.....	1	8
United States Census Office.....	--	90
United States Civil Service Commission.....	4	--
United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.....	2	3
United States Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries.....	1	--
United States Commissioner of Labor.....	2	--
United States Commissioner of Patents.....	22	1
United States Commissioners of Railroads.....	2	1
United States Department of Agriculture, 60 sheets, 2 p'k'g's	8	77
United States Department of the Interior.....	189	35
United States Department of the Navy.....	9	--
United States Department of State.....	6	7
United States Department of the Treasury.....	9	12
United States Department of War.....	19	7
United States Geological Survey, 24 maps, 42 sheets, 2 p'k'g's	50	29
United States Interstate Commerce Commission.....	2	--
United States Life Saving Service.....	1	--
United States Light House Board.....	1	1
United States Marine Hospital Bureau.....	--	8
United States Naval Observatory.....	2	--
United States Signal Service, 60 sheets, 1 p'k'g'e.....	1	5
United States Surgeon General.....	1	--
Van Schaack, Peter, and Sons.....	2	--
Vermont, Department of State.....	11	7
Victoria Public Library and Museums, Melbourne, Australia	--	2
Walker, Aldace F.....	--	1
Walworth, C. A.....	--	1
Warder Public Library, Springfield, O.....	--	1
Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.....	1	2
Waterhouse, S.....	--	2
Watertown, Mass., Free Public Library.....	--	1
Western Reserve Historical Society.....	--	1
Weydert, Nicholas E.....	1	--
White, A. T., Brooklyn, N. Y.....	1	--
Wickersham, W. B.....	2	5
Wilder, Dr. B. G.....	--	5
Willard, Dr. Samuel.....	--	17
Williams, Norman.....	--	3
Winnipeg, Manitoba, City of.....	--	1
Winsor, Justin.....	--	9
Wisconsin Historical Society.....	--	2
Woburn, Mass., Public Library.....	--	2
Wood, Ira C.....	1	--
Worcester, Mass., Employment Society.....	--	1
Worcester, Mass., Free Public Library.....	--	1

World's Columbian Exposition, 6 p'k'g's.....	--	212
Yale University.....	1	4
Yale University Library.....	1	--
Zaremba, Dr. C. W.....	1	--
Unknown	5	1

APPENDIX C.

SERIALS DONATED.

American.

American Brewers' Review.
American Philatelist.
American Stationer.
Argus.
Artist Printer.
Banker's Monthly.
Banner of Gold.
Bearings.
Books.
Canada Patent Office Record.
Chicago Council Proceedings.
City Hall Record.
Chicago Legal News.
Christian Science.
Christian Worker.
Civil Service Record.
Clinique.
Congressional Record.
Cook's Excursionist.
Dental Review.
Domestic Monthly.
Electrical Progress.
Farmers' Review.
Figaro.
Free Russia.
Friend.
Hartford Sanitary Record.
Home Visitor.
Housekeeper.

Illustrated Christian Weekly.
Industrial World.
Inland Architect.
Inland Printer.
Inventive Age.
Iron Trade Journal.
Jewelers' Weekly.
Junior American Mechanic.
Literary Light.
Literary Northwest.
Lumber Trade Journal.
Manifesto.
Mining Industry and Tradesman.
Mission Studies.
Missionary Herald.
Munsey's Magazine.
Munson Phonographic News.
National Bottlers' Gazette.
National Car Builder.
National Journalist.
National Stenographer.
New Earth.
New Nation.
Official Gazette U. S. Patents.
Open Court.
Our Language.
Pacific Health Journal.
Pernin's Monthly Stenographer.
Phonographic Magazine.
Parthenon.
Presto.

Quaker City Philatelist.
 Realty and Building Record.
 School and Home.
 Signs of the Times.
 Southern Industrial R. R. Record.
 Sport, Music and Drama.
 Stationary Engineer.
 Stationer and Printer.
 Street Railway Gazette.
 Switchmen's Journal.
 Unity.
 Western Agriculturist.
 Y. M. C. A. Bulletin.

British Publications.

Brewers' Guardian.
 Homœopathic Review.
 Invention.
 Inventor.
 Investors' Monthly Manual.
 Iron Monger.
 Machinery Exporter.
 Manufacturer and Inventor.
 Mining Journal.
 Monthly Notices of the Royal Astro-
 nomical Society.
 Phonetic Journal.

German Publication.

Techniker, Der.

Swedish Publication.

Stockholms Tidningen.

American Newspapers.

DAILY.

Birmingham Herald.
 Boston Herald.
 Denver Sun.
 Memphis Daily Commercial.
 Memphis Public Ledger.
 St. Joseph Herald.
 Salt Lake City Times.

WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY AND MONTHLY.

Alfred Centre, (N. Y.), Outlook and
 Sabbath Quarterly.
 Battle Creek, (Michigan), Advent
 Review.
 Boston Christian Register.
 Textile World.
 World's Crisis.
 Chicago, American Soap Journal.
 Anchor and Shield.
 Banner.
 Brickmaker.
 Catholic Home.
 Confectioner and Baker.
 Epworth Herald.
 Israelite.
 Jewish Courier.
 Lever.
 Occident.
 Parish Messenger.
 Referee.
 Saturday Evening Herald.
 Society News.
 Standard.
 Union Signal.
 Western British American.
 Western Catholic News.
 Young Crusader.
 Chino Valley Champion.
 Hartford (Conn.), Travelers' Record.
 Kissimee (Fla.), Leader.
 Minneapolis Saturday Spectator.
 Montesano Vidette.
 Nashville (Tenn.), Cumberland Pres-
 byterian.
 New York, American Mail and
 Export Journal.
 Hebrew Standard.
 Irish World.
 Postal Record.
 Sabbath Recorder.
 Voice.
 Orlando (Fla.), Reporter.
 Pantagraph (Col.)

Philadelphia, Indian's Friend.
 New Christianity.
 Protestant Standard.
 Port Angeles Times.
 Portland Pacific Farmer.
 Pulaski (Va.), News.
 San Diego Advertiser.
 Tallahassee, Weekly Floridian.
 Washington, (D. C.), National View.
 Sentinel.

Canadian Newspapers.

DAILY.

Hamilton, Daily Spectator.
 Montreal, Daily Witness.

German Newspapers.

DAILY.

Chicago, Abendpost.
 Arbeiter Zeitung.
 Freie Presse.
 Staats-Zeitung.

WEEKLY.

Chicago, Beobachter.
 Deutsche Warte.
 National Zeitung.
 Sternwirth, Der.
 Weltbuerger, Der.
 Columbus, Ohio Waisenfreund.
 Los Angeles, (Cal.), Sud California
 Post.
 Medford (Wis.), Waldbote.
 New York, Oestr-Amerik. Zeitung.
 Sontagsblatt der N. Y. Volks-
 zeitung.

French Newspapers.

WEEKLY.

Kankakee, Courier de l'Illinois.

Bohemian Newspapers.

DAILY.

Chicago, Chicagské Listy.
 Denni Hlasatel.
 Svornost.

WEEKLY.

Chicago, Cechoslovan.
 Duch Casu.
 Cleveland, Dennice Novoveku.
 Volnost.
 Milwaukee, Sokol Americky.
 Omaha, Pokrok Zapadu.
 Racine, Slavie.

Polish Newspapers.

DAILY.

Milwaukee, Kuryer Polski.

WEEKLY.

Buffalo, Echo.
 Polak w Ameryce.
 Chicago, Dzienswiety.
 Gazetta Katolicka.
 Nowe Zycie.
 Wiara i Ojezyzna.
 Detroit, (Mich.), Niedziela.
 Milwaukee, Zgoda.
 Winona, (Minn.), Wiarus.
 Reforma.

Dutch Newspapers.

WEEKLY.

Chicago, De Nederlander.
 De Nederlandsche Amerikaan.
 Kalamazoo, Hollandsch Weekblad.

Norwegian and Danish News- papers.

DAILY.

Chicago, Skandinavian.

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY.

Chicago, Amerika.

Folkets Avis.

Folkevennen.

Ugebladet.

Norden.

Verdens Gang.

Duluth, Scandia.

Omaha, Dannebrog.

Danske Pioneer.

St. Paul, Nordvesten.

Stoughton, Nowmannen.

West Superior, Posten.

Swedish Newspapers.

WEEKLY.

Chicago, Bladet.

Chicago, Gamla och Nys Hamlandet.

Missions Wannen.

Svenska Amerikanaren.

Svenska Kuriren.

Svenska Tribunen.

Italian Newspaper.

Chicago, L'Italia.

Russian Newspaper.

New York, Progress.

Armenian Newspaper.

Constantinople, Arevelk.







